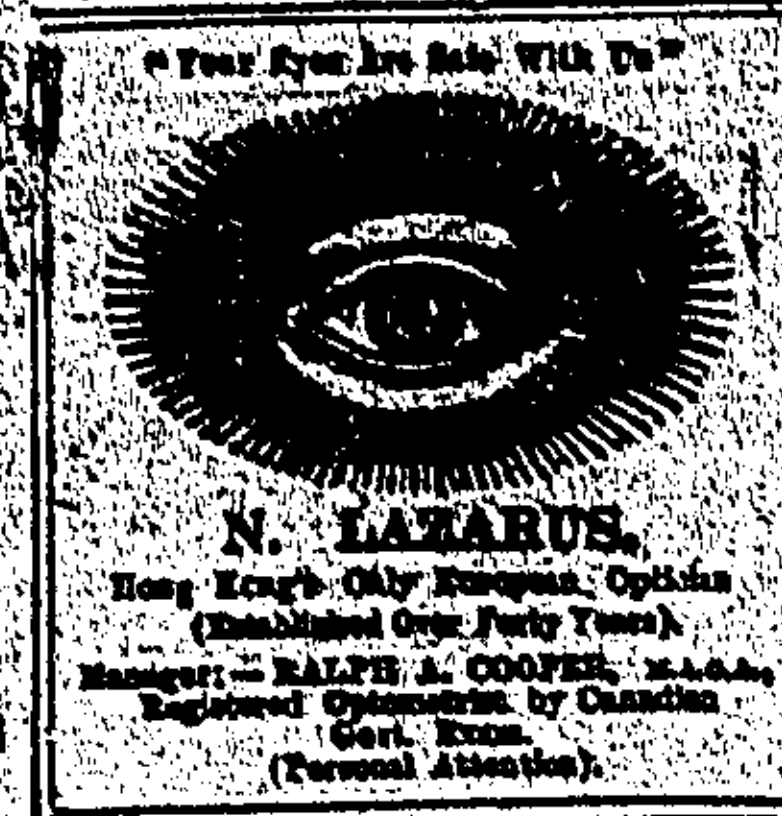


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"Millions of pounds' worth of trade will be the result of the British Industries Fair, which was opened on February 20th at the White City, London, and at Birmingham, report Home papers to hand by the last mail.

The display of British manufactures at both places, it is said, surpassed all previous years, and the response from buyers, both at Home and overseas, is expected to bring record orders to British firms. Booked orders and prospective orders at the end of the first day are estimated to exceed £300,000.

"Overseas buyers have been coming to the White City at the rate of two a minute," said an official of the fair to a *Daily Express* representative. "Each of those buyers is leaving orders behind him."

Twenty Languages.

Eight interpreters, speaking between them twenty languages, were on duty at the club, and they were never idle for a moment during the day.

Each of these buyers gave orders, some of which exceeded £5,000. A typical case was that of a Rumanian merchant, who knew no word of English. He was taken through the exhibition by one of the official interpreters, and before he had finished he had placed contracts valued at more than £20,000, including £2,000 spent on British toys. He said he was not particularly interested in those, but bought them because, as he told the interpreter, "they are so good."

There was a general criticism among the foreign buyers that the salesmen on the stands did not fully appreciate overseas requirements.

The Duke's Visit.

The Duke and Duchess of York paid a visit to the White City during the afternoon, and inspected the stands.

Civic greetings to three Continentals were a feature of the opening of the fair at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, where the Lord Mayor, after inspecting the exhibits, sent messages by beam wireless to the mayors of Montreal, Melbourne, and Capetown, and the president of the corporation of Bombay. Replies were received from each of the overseas cities.

Policemen wearing special badges directed foreign visitors in languages ranging from Spanish to Hindustani. These specially gifted constables were men picked from the Birmingham force, which is said to contain the largest percentage of linguists of any English city.

Buyers From Hong Kong.

One Chinese firm, it was reported, sent sixteen buyers direct from Hong Kong to Birmingham, but local enquiries failed to provide any confirmation of this statement.

The Duke of York, proposing the toast of the British Industries Fair at a banquet at the Mansion House, said:

"I am glad to be able to feel tonight that manufacturers and workers alike can look forward in the near future to more prosperous times. We have the evidence of many months have shown a marked improvement in our trade, and that the prospects of this improvement containing are favorable. With these goods coming in view, can we not say that the fair opens at an auspicious moment?"

"I myself think that trade to-day is feeling like a man returning to work after a severe illness and a long spell of convalescence. We should not look back to the misadventures of 1927, but to the convalescence of 1927. And I think we may say that at the beginning of 1928, the patient is already feeling his legs, and is full of that keenness and energy and vitality which comes with the return to normal health."

"To most of us, I feel, one of the most encouraging signs in the movement towards closer relations between employers and employees is being ceaselessly explored."

WAR MEMORIAL OUTRAGE.

DEFENCE OF PROTESTANTISM PLEA.

ORDER TO PAY FOR DAMAGE.

BATH, FEB. 20th.

For attempting to saw down the war memorial Calvary at St. John's Church, Bathwick, Bath, Ebenezer Barnes was bound over for two years by the Bath magistrates to-day and ordered to pay £25 18s. damages.

Mr. Glover, who prosecuted, said the defendant's religious sincerity was beyond question, but his intolerance was almost beyond belief, and he had outraged the feelings of many pious people. The church authorities, however, did not wish to see him imprisoned or fined.

Barnes admitted that after two years' cogitation he decided to cut down the Calvary, which he denounced as an illegal, idolatrous image erected close to the footpath of a public thoroughfare.

Barnes told the police he took a little saw at three o'clock in the morning and tried to saw the Calvary down, but the wood was too hard, and he left the completion of the task till another date. Asked why he chose night-time, he replied: "I am one of Gideon's brothers, and Gideon did his work at night."

Sir Harry Hutt: Do you desire to give some assurance it shall not occur again?

Barnes: If the Calvary is removed into the church I shall not attempt to touch it there. I believe it is illegal for it to be where it is. It outrages the feelings of the Protestants of this city.

The Bench declined to permit Barnes to bargain in this way, and for a time the defendant refused to give any undertaking, but eventually announced through a solicitor that he had no desire to offend the views of other people, and would therefore apologise and give the required assurance.

ROYAL BRIDE'S GOWN.

TROUSERS WITH A 30IN. TRAIL.

TOKYO.

The wedding gown of Miss Matsuda, daughter of the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, bride-elect of Prince Chichibu, the Emperor's brother, has been designed by the Imperial Household Department.

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shown in the recent conference. That this should have taken place is very satisfactory, the more so because it was a voluntary and friendly gesture.

World's Harvests.

"Overseas, as at home, last year has been one of slow but sure consolidation. The world's harvests, particularly that of Europe, have been satisfactory, and consequently the purchasing power of the big agricultural communities in importation of specially woven silk with long trousers trailing 30 inches behind the feet. The over-kimono is elaborately embroidered.

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"Another encouraging factor is that the peoples of the Empire are becoming conscious of a unity of purpose and interest in Imperial matters. In each of the Dominions and Colonies of our vast Empire the question of how to improve Imperial trade and how to develop Imperial communications is being ceaselessly explored."

DIARY OF EVENTS.

Today.

Helena May Musicale "Miscellaneous Programme," 5.30 p.m.

Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. 44th ordinary yearly meeting St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.

Fourth Annual General Meeting of Simplex Plaster Co., Ltd., Powell's Building, 3 p.m.

Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Hotel Savoy, 4.30 p.m.; King Edward Hotel, 5 p.m.; Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 4.30-6.30 p.m.

"Cheer O" dance, 7.30 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "7th Heaven."

World Theatre: "You never know Women."

Star Theatre: "Hold that Lion."

Friday.

Helena May Institute: Bible Study circle, 10.30 a.m.

Hockey: Hong Kong Club "A" v. Rovers at King's Park, 5.15 p.m.

Annual General Meeting Victoria Diocesan Association in the Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Khalisa Dirwan dinner to Mr. K. L. Chowdhury Hotel Savoy, 5.15 p.m.

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Concert at Union Church, 8 p.m.

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Saturday.

Yachting: Corinthian Race.

Fanling Hunt: Meet at Mr. Port's Bungalow, 2.45.

Cricket: Kowloon C.C. 1st XI. v. H.K.C.C.; Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI. v. Tamar; H.K.C.C. 2nd XI. v. 15th Brigade 2nd XI.; C.S.C.C. 1st XI. v. K.O.S.B.; C.S.C.C. 2nd XI. v. Royal Navy.

Annual University Ath. Sports, Half mile open, 2.30 p.m.

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MIXING MYTHS WITH MORALS.

By THE VERY REV. W. R. INGE, D.D., DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S.

A Victorian Prime Minister said that there were two questions which he should like to put to every bishop before deciding to appoint him—"Will you suffer fools gladly?" "Will you answer all letters by return of post?" I should never have survived the first of these tests, for the less wise members of the clerical profession, among whom are certain persistent speakers in the Church Assembly, drive me wild with impatience. I know no other class of men whose mentality is so unintelligible to me.

The perfect bishop never forgets the golden maxim that it is necessary to be very solemn with a fool. But some of the ablest Victorian prelates, such as Stubbs and Creighton, could not always resist the kind of joke which showed that they were still half laymen at heart. When a parochial clergyman, expecting a visit from the Bishop of Oxford, requested his lordship to come with his pastoral staff, Stubbs appended to his answer "P.S.—I shall bring my umbrella, not my P.S." And when Creighton requested a priest in the London diocese to discontinue the illegal use of incense, and the silly fellow replied, "My lord, I have the cure of souls," the bishop is reported to have said, "Do you really suppose that souls are like herrings, which can only be cured by smoke?" No doubt the recipients of these answers thought that their diocesan had shown a painful lack of reverence for holy things.

Beards and Bachelors.

One of the Tsars commanded the Russian priests to cut off their beards. The autocrat soon found that they would rather be cut to pieces than obey the order. There were, I believe, a few martyrs for Beaverism, and then the order was revoked. In the Church of England there is no tradition of the elders on this particular point. A clergyman may cut his beard to suit his taste, or may cut it off entirely, just as he may please himself on the perhaps more important question of taking a wife or remaining a bachelor. Not long ago a Royal Chaplain was ordered, as a condition of his appointment, to sacrifice his moustache. He was reluctant to part with what he regarded as his only ornament, but he complied.

There are, however, other traditions of the elders which have no more to do with religion or morals than the question "To shave or not to shave?" and on these the clerical mind is as adamant. The present "crisis in the Church" is largely caused by the fact that half the clergy believe that the Creator of the universe would be seriously displeased with them if they consumed tea and bread and butter before administering the Holy Communion. If they are summoned to the bed of a dying man after their breakfast, should they break this precious rule or allow the sick man to leave the world unhouselled? "Especially," unhesitatingly they therefore claim to be relieved from this painful dilemma. ("A dilemma," said a small Estonian, "is what you get when you sit on the horns of a bull." In this case a papal bull.)

Territorial Bias.

Sometimes I think in despair that these things which a different God—that there can be nothing in common between them—and—Did not Christ suffer Himself to be nailed to the Cross, to bring this kind of religion to an end? He did; but the clerical mind must have its taboos, which seem to be valued in proportion to their distance from rationality. The Catholics have theirs: they are prepared for forty days on a *maigre diet*, sometimes with the aid of a French cook. But many Protestants are just as bad. In America it is a deadly sin to drink a glass of beer. In many parts of the States the "cigarette fiend" is excluded from godly society. ("Worship the Lord with clean lips" settles that question.) Turnbridge Wells without a theatre till within living memory, in deference to the conscientious objections of evangelical takers of the waters. The Indian Mutiny, it seems, was really caused by the horror of the Sepoys at having to bite cartridges greased with lard and mutton fat. The clerical mind is not happy till it has found desperate wickedness in some perfectly harmless act.

These taboos are much more sacred than the weightier matters of the law—justice, mercy, and truth. St. Paul knew well that it was not easy to carry both the yoke

of Christ and the burden of the Jewish Law; for him the tenacity of these traditions was no laughing matter. But the Gospel was thousands of years ahead of human nature—if indeed human nature can be said to change at all. A certain tribe, after being converted to Christianity, was cut off for centuries from intercourse with the civilised world. When Europeans found them they had lost every trace of Christian belief and practice, except the two customs of fasting in Lent and making the sign of the Cross. In religion, it is often the unfittest that survives.

These peculiarities of the clerical mind make Church discipline extraordinarily difficult. The bishops naturally do not like issuing orders which they know will be disobeyed, and which they cannot enforce. Marcus Aurelius said that the Christians went to their deaths "out of pure cussedness." He was wrong, for the martyrs were standing out for great principles; but if there were any Anglo-Saxons among his victims, there may have been something in his point of view.

Why Have Discipline?

There are some who say, Why have any discipline at all? The Church is the Church of the British nation. Everyone has a right to belong to it. No one should be excluded who does not wish to exclude himself. Let every variety of opinion have free play, and let the best win.

The argument seems to me to confound two things—the right of membership and the right of holding office. I quite agree that any Englishman who wishes to attend an Anglican service has a right to do so. At the Reformation Settlement a compromise was made which was intended to include all Catholics who would renounce the Pope and all Protestants who were not schismatics on principle. The compromise worked very well until the rigidity of the parochial system and the aristocratic disdain of the higher clergy for what they called "enthusiasm" led to the defection of the Wesleyan Methodists. But there was never any idea of legalising every variety of public worship.

The services of the Church were fixed according to the wishes of the great mass of central Churchmen. The clergy took, and still take, certain pledges as to what they will teach and how they will perform the duties of their office. If they have complete liberty to break all rules, nothing but chaos can result.

Modernism and Reaction.

The extremists sometimes remind us that larger concessions have been made to what they call Modernism than to their own wishes. Even bishops may now say openly that they choose Darwin's account of "creation in preference to that of the Pentateuch." It is even permissible for a clergyman to say that, while he believes in the Incarnation and Resurrection, he cannot pledge himself to the traditional narratives of the manner in which these events were brought about. If there are to be any expulsions, say the Anglo-Catholics, the Liberals ought to be the first to go.

It would be begging the question to say that the concessions to Modernism have been necessary and progressive, whereas the medievalism of the Neo-Catholics is reactionary. But there are well-defined limits to what the Liberal clergyman may say in the pulpit; there seem to be no limits to the Romanising of our services; and it cannot be questioned that there is no room for a purely Latin service within the Church of England.

However, my present subject is the idiosyncrasy of the clerical mind. We are sometimes bored by the polemic against the scribes and Pharisees and Judaism in the New Testament. That question, we think, has been decided long ago. But it has not been decided, and does not seem likely to be decided. The protests are directed against a permanent tendency of human nature.

There are no lost causes in this world, because there are no won causes. As a Frenchman said, there are dead men who have to be killed many times. And mean-while we often find that these obstinate traditionalists have many good qualities. Indeed, they include men whom the Church could not afford to lose.

The Church of England will probably contrive to hold together somehow. In dealing with Englishmen we may be sure that there is one course which they will never take; they will never be logical.

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WIFELY COMFORT FOR "GINGER."

I once saw the picture of a family of Lithuanian peasants, waiting at Ellis Island for examination—the peasant husband sitting dolorously on a hard seat, staring into vacancy, half-way between a pash of pitiful labour and a future which might hold even worse terrors of hunger and loneliness.

His wife sat crouched against him, dumb and patient and unreasoning, her only interest the humped bundle of childhood which she carried beneath her black shawl. Decent, simple folks they looked—hardly better than the beasts, and not much more human than the family of orang-outangs which I saw at the Zoo yesterday, sitting alone in the experimental monkey house.

They are recent arrivals, and we have already heard much of Ginger, his patriarchal moustache and beard, and his mighty length of limb, but nothing of the dull, patient tragedy which looks from his eyes as he sits with his long arms folded about him and the red hair hanging down like the branches of a weeping willow.

People are only just learning to find their way to this palatial new house. It was empty when I arrived. Ginger glanced at me, but I did not break in upon his brooding. He continued to stare blankly into space, thinking nothing, feeling nothing, like some patriarch fallen upon evil days, too proud to meditate upon his ancient glory.

"Don't Worry." Occasionally a fly would break in upon his meditation, and he would brush it away, without anger. He was too self-sufficient in his sorrow to give even a passing glance to Nellie, sitting quietly beside him with her arms folded about Mickey. Occasionally she would stretch out a black-palmed hand and lay it on Ginger's arm, saying more plainly than words, "It's all right. Don't worry. It doesn't matter."

Sometimes Ginger would prowl away from her, swinging himself heavily over the divisions of their magnificent house. He is the unhappier of the two; you feel that the hours he more heavily on his hands. She is entirely content with him and with Mickey. She follows him always with her eyes, until he returns to her side on the perch and resumes his careless, pitiful staring.

It was uncanny, almost terrifying. Other people came in; but Ginger included them all in his cold contemplation of things and places that they could not see. I was glad to leave them, and to find more cheerful domesticity in the main monkey house and on Monkey Hill.

In the monkey house a hamadryas baboon sat amiably while his mate helped him perform his toilet; like any suburban husband calling in a dress tie. On the Hill a young couple were watching their small offspring take his first tottering footsteps round the rock. General people, these—London—Morning Post.

NEW PALACE FOR A CHILD BRIDE.

MAHARAJAH FORBIDS MEETINGS AND AGITATION.

The prospective marriages of two of India's richest potentates, the Maharajah of Alwar and the ex-Maharajah of Indore, are causing much agitation in their States.

The Maharajah, who is 46, is shortly going to celebrate his silver jubilee by taking a second wife, reported to be a girl of 16, a member of the Rajput clan of a neighbouring State.

All meetings in his State, says a message from Alwar to the *Indian News Service*, have been prohibited by a proclamation he has issued. It forbids all meetings for the discussion of any subject likely to cause a disturbance, or a political subject, or for the exhibition and distribution of any writing or printed matter relating to such subject.

There is reported to have been much discussion about the proposed second marriage, and the increased taxation in the State. Hence, the Prince desires to prevent any protest meetings.

SILVER SLIPPER CLUB SECRETS.

POLICEMAN MADE A FOREIGN MEMBER.

GLASS FLOOR.

A secret bar, the door of which looked like an ordinary mirror, and in which it was alleged that drinks were sold after the permitted hour, was described at Marlborough street when summonses in respect of the Silver Slipper Club, Regent-street, were heard. The case was adjourned.

Eustace Hoey and David Frost were summoned for selling intoxicating liquor without a licence, and supplying it after 11 p.m. Both men pleaded not guilty.

Mr. Herbert Musket, for the Commissioner of Police, said that the centre of the dance floor in the club was laid with glass. A door in the basement led to the bar.

"Foreign Member." He described how a police constable with a woman friend visited the club on a number of occasions, and became a "foreign member" on payment of 25s. The policeman was served with cocktails and brandy in the bar, and the place was still open at 3.30 a.m.

Drinks, it was alleged, were supplied at a nod or on some sign from the head waiter.

The club was raided on Christmas morning, when a Cossack dance was in progress. Hoey said to the police superintendent that he kept no books, but paid £1,500 a year rent.

Hoey admitted entire responsibility for the management of the club.

Superintendent Morison, describing the raid, said that the door of the bar had the appearance of a cracked mirror. Unless you knew of the existence of the door you would never have realised that there was a door there.

THE LION AND THE ASS.

Chicago. Lions carved in stone are the latest sinister evidence of pernicious Britain, as discovered by "Big Bill" Thompson, Mayor of Chicago.

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OPENING UP WEST AFRICA.

NEW LINE TO THE CONGO FRONTIER.

CHANCES FOR BRITISH TRADE.

A railway development of first-class importance to British shipping and industry, particularly to the cotton industry of Lancashire, is nearing completion in West Africa. This is the 770 miles of track running from Lobito Bay to Luacano, on the Angola-Belgian Congo frontier. Part of the system, that from Lobito Bay to Cuamato, is already in operation. The remaining portion will be open for general traffic in the summer.

Mr. T. Alexander Barna, the African explorer, has just returned from a trip across the heart of Africa, in the course of which he travelled the entire length of the new railway, as a privileged passenger. In an interview with the London Observer he prophesied that the railway will revolutionise travel in the sub-continent and open up the last of the unexploited territories, namely Portuguese Angola, considered by many to be by far the richest agricultural country in Africa.

"The railway runs right across Angola," said Mr. Barna. "It is a British concession, and owes its existence to British enterprise. It is, indeed, another for the enduring monuments to the pioneer genius of Cecil Rhodes. When Mr. Robert Williams reported to him the existence of the great copper belt in Southern Belgian Congo at the time, he was prospecting in connection with Rhodes's Cape-to-Cairo route. Rhodes was quick to realise the importance of an outlet for traffic on the west coast and discussed with Mr. Williams the possibility of a railway to Lobito. That was nearly thirty years ago. Rhodes has been dead twenty-five years, but, catching from his great chief the spirit of the pioneer, Mr. Williams carried on with determination, and at last it is possible to see in solid material form what Rhodes could only visualise in his daring imagination.

2,500 Miles Saved.
Commercial men with possible interests in Central Africa need only to take a glance at the map to understand the immense importance of a direct route from the coast to that vast and enormously wealthy area. As present the Southern Belgian Congo can be reached only by way of the Suez Canal to Dar-es-Salaam, thence across land and the Tanganyika Lake, or via the Cape and the Cape-to-Cairo route. That is to say, the two longest sides of a triangle have to be traversed in order to reach the central point. By cutting straight across country from Lobito two tedious, time-wasting, and expensive journeys are avoided. The saving represents something over 2,500 miles.

"The entire scheme of a direct rail route between Lobito on the west and Dar-es-Salaam on the east, striking the Cape-to-Cairo route at Elisabethville on the south-east corner of Belgian Congo, will take some time to realise. The Belgians are building as rapidly as possible their section of line, from Luacano to Elisabethville, but meanwhile there is a connecting motor-car service, so that the through journey is already an accomplished fact. To-day it involves a five-day motor-journey, which can be done in comfortable cars with excellent sleeping accommodation at rest houses, and a good time. Therefore, for either commercial or tourist purposes, the cross-country route will be available when the new British railway begins operating in the summer.

Cotton and Machinery.
It is, however, the outlet on the west coast that is of prime importance to shippers and merchants, more especially to the cotton industry of Lancashire. In Angola and the Congo there are enormous fields to be exploited by the manufacture of cotton goods, and such exploitation is rendered the easier by reason of the direct route. Makers of agricultural machinery will also find the way to Angola opened up to them, and as Angola will certainly be concentrated upon for its agricultural advantages, here, I would suggest, is a wonderful opportunity for English makers of machinery to push their export trade. The bony trade is another which should benefit considerably from the cheaper and quicker approach to large and important markets. And just as English merchants can get in easily, so can native products be brought out easily and cheaply. In short, I believe the new railway will revolutionise transport in the sub-continent.

Tourists will also find it ideal for sight-seeing purposes, the line passing through thoroughly representative African country. Native tribes and native animals will be seen from the carriages, and nothing more than a handbag need be taken on the trip. From coast to coast of Africa, in perfect safety and comfort at a minimum expense, is what the new railway will mean to tourists.—Observer.

AN ANCIENT GRUDGE.

RIVAL CHINESE AND INDIAN CAR OWNERS.

LITTLE TOUT BEATEN FOR TYRE SLITTING.

There has been for many moons keen rivalry between Chinese public car owners and an Indian watchman employed at the Man Kwok Restaurant at West Point. This Indian, Atta Mahomed, by name, also owned a car which he let out for hire. In the small hours of the morning after the trams had stopped running, cars were always in demand by the habits of the West Point district.

Atta Mahomed, by virtue of his position, was able to bring the merits of his own car, which was driven by a companion, before the guests of his restaurant. This caused much resentment among the Chinese car touts, and they have been planning to get their own back.

Recently Atta Mahomed's driver had an argument with one of these touts over some damage caused in a collision. Heated words ensued, and the Indian driver lost his temper. He struck the Chinese tout, and was fined \$5 by Mr. B. E. Lindell.

Hatters, however, did not end there. On Tuesday morning some belated guests on coming out of the Man Kwok Restaurant told Atta to summon a car and Atta naturally enough hailed his own vehicle to take the revellers home. A certain Chinese tout saw this and thinking that Atta was not playing the game with the trade in general, persuaded the driver of the car to which he touted to drive his car close up behind the vehicle which Atta had pinched himself to buy. Young Wong, when he got near enough to Atta's car deliberately punctured two of the tyres with a sharp instrument. Seeing that he had fed fat the ancient grudge, he bore Atta, Wong sped away. Atta and his driver gave chase, but of what avail was their fleetness of foot against a motor. Wong got away and Atta went off to report to the Police Station. He took a detective to the garage where Wong was employed and helped to place this vindictive little fellow in custody.

Wong was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lindell. He said he was only thirteen years of age. He, of course, denied all knowledge of the offence, but unfortunately for him, he spoke a big lie. His words were found to be untrue. Wong was found to be a young man, but owing to his youth, the Magistrate only ordered him to receive ten strokes of the birch.

OIL RESTRICTION PROPOSED.

START POSSIBLE IN VENEZUELA.

New York, February 20th.
The report that peace between the Standard Oil Company, of New York, and the British Dutch Shell interests, will lead to a world-wide curtailment of oil production in 1928 is interesting financial circles in New York, writes the special correspondent of the London Morning Post. Attempts, however, to obtain definite comment from prominent figures in the oil industry have so far been unsuccessful. There is no doubt, however, that these leaders would like to see some effective action to limit production.

Mr. Debenham, director of the Asiatic Petroleum Company, who is credited with conducting the peace negotiations on behalf of Sir Henry Deterding with Standard Oil, stated that he hoped to see restrictions made effective in Venezuela, where a few large producers control output.

As a result of this statement it is reported now that actual negotiations are under way to that end. One trouble with the whole arrangement rests in the United States, where at the present time under the anti-trust laws it is impossible to make a really effective agreement to restrict output.

Special Legislation.
In some States some restriction is accomplished under State law, but any nation-wide agreement to govern all pools of the country's whole output is impossible unless the Government grants the old producers' request for special legislation to legislate a curtailment agreement.

Since the United States last year produced 75 per cent of the world's crude oil any agreement not effective here would accomplish little. As a result of the negotiations, however, it is expected that an agreement of the big producing interests to curtail production in South America may soon be announced, although the leaders of the industry are not yet ready to make any commitment on their plans. The Associated Press Correspondent of the London Morning Post telegraphed on the same date that although nothing is officially known there concerning the reported agreement between the Royal Dutch and Standard Oil of New York, the news is generally considered to be merely premature.

FILM CENSORSHIP IN FRANCE.

NEW PROPOSALS.

FEAR OF FOREIGN COMPETITION.

PARIS.
The discussion over the production of the Edith Cavell film in England has come just at a time when the whole question of film censorship is likely to be reopened in France.

At present there is no theatrical censorship, though there is a film censorship. The theatrical censorship was not abolished so very long ago, however—among its exploits was to forbid Brieux's "Les Avariés"—and in a country like France, which has known more than one dictatorial Government, the people are familiar with the idea of censorship, as applied, not only to the theatre, but to newspapers and even books. To nearly all of the Governments who have applied the censorship the first of its objects was naturally political; and it rather surprises French people to learn that if a censorship exists at all it cannot, as they have just learnt that it cannot in England, issue an interdiction on political grounds.

The existing French censorship—it is called a commission of control, but comes to the same thing—is certainly moved by political as well as other considerations. It refused a film based on Hauptmann's "Weavers," it will not allow war films, and it insisted upon the excision of a scene in a comic military film, in which Charlie Chaplin arrested the German Emperor.

It is now proposed, however, to establish a new kind of censorship, and considerably to broaden its basis of action. The existing censorship, which is governed by a decree of 1919, the new system would be created, not by the Chambers, but also by administrative decree—as so much that is virtually legislation can be created in France. This decree, which has been drawn up by the consultative body called the Conseil d'Etat, but not yet issued, is now being discussed.

What is new in the proposed decree is that the objects which it declares for the censorship are not only public morals, public order, and political stability, but also what amounts to commercial protection. This protection is not admitted to be commercial, for it is stated that the danger is rather a "moral and intellectual domination" from abroad. It is proposed, however, that in weighing the question of admitting or excluding a foreign film, the commission shall not only consider "the preservation of national life and traditions," but the facilities given by the countries from which the films come to the entry of French films. The censorship, in fact, is to be a weapon for enforcing reciprocity.

The French cinema world is by no means unanimously in support of the proposed change. Many believe that the French film production will be more readily stimulated by competition from abroad than by shutting out foreign films. Some are so impatient with the capricious working of the existing censorship that they would prefer its entire abolition, and declare that public morality and order would be sufficiently guaranteed by the risk of prosecutions at common law, as they are at present in the theatres. At the same time, there are many who welcome the commercial security of acceptance by the censor, and fear that managers would become much less courageous if it were abolished, while there are certainly some who would heartily welcome protection for the French industry.

SIMPLER FUNERALS IN ENGLAND.

210 OR 212 THE AVERAGE COST.

"The tendency in this country is for funerals to become simpler," said an official of the British Undertakers' Association, commenting on an inquiry just carried out in the United States into the high cost of funerals.

Undertakers state that £10 or £12 is regarded as the cheapest rate for "an ordinary average funeral," increasing in some cases to £25 or £30. The Advisory Committee on Burial Survey of New York has tabulated its results, showing variations in the average cost of burial, from £20 in New Jersey to £30, £40, and upwards in States further west.

An official of the Charity Organisation Society pointed out that the tendency among people in poorer districts has always been towards elaborate funerals, the occasion being regarded as a social function in which as much display as possible should be aimed at. He added: "That idea, however, is gradually losing its hold now, and I agree that the general tendency is for simpler funerals. It is an open question whether in past years people of all classes have spent too much on funerals."

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AIMS OF A NEW SOCIETY.
The movement in Cambridge University for preserving the beauties of Cambridge and its neighbourhood, which owes its original impulse to Mr. Hugh Durnford, of the Architectural School, has taken a definite step forward with the formation of a Cambridge Preservation Society to co-operate with local authorities for this purpose.
The Mayor of Cambridge, Councillor E. W. Amies, and some members of the Rural District Councils within the County, who were present at the meeting, gave their approval to the project, and made it clear that the authorities in the Borough and the County would welcome the support of such an official body. They are already alive to the importance of preserving Cambridge, and are working out town-planning schemes; but there are difficulties in the way of co-ordination, and at present no comprehensive scheme exists.
The general line of the Society's policy will no doubt follow those of the Oxford Preservation Trust, though the problems to be solved are not exactly the same. Much hard work must be done before the Society gets into full working order, and this work will fall mainly on members of the University in co-operation with representatives of the Town and County, but a beginning has now been made in a spirit of goodwill. The Society should receive support not only from the locality, but from old Cambridge men all over the world, and from all who care for the preservation of interesting and historic towns.

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It was also stated that the works at Deep Water Bay showed a heavy loss, and that during the year under review, the works had to be closed down in order to minimise expenses.

Present at the meeting yesterday were Messrs. R. G. Shewan presiding, Allan Keith (Secretary), J. H. Taggart, J. Scott Harston, C. F. Mendham, Allan Cameron, and Li Tse Fong (Directors).

Shareholders present were Messrs. F. M. Ellis, E. M. Raymond, G. H. Potts, A. L. Shields, N. V. A. Croucher, I. W. Shewan, P. F. C. Prata, E. L. Sim, D. M. Goodall and J. Coulthart.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

IMPROVEMENT ON PRECEDING YEAR.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. R. G. Shewan said:—

I am pleased to state that the result for the year under review shows a marked improvement on that of the preceding year, and with the more settled conditions prevailing in South China, it is to be hoped that such improvement will not only be maintained, but that in respect of the current year we shall be in a position to present you with a more satisfactory showing.

The profit for the year after providing \$79,850.50 for depreciation, amounts to \$121,523.36, and after deducting from this sum the debit balance brought forward from the previous year amounting to \$29,663.63, there remains a credit balance of \$91,859.71 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:—

To transfer to a contingency reserve against Deep Water Bay sales \$20,000.00
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and I trust such recommendation will meet with the approval of shareholders.

FORTUNATE TO SHOW A PROFIT.

Trade during the year under review was, as you are aware, far from normal, but taking into consideration the vicissitudes through which we have passed and more particularly the stagnation in general construction work—with which the sale of our products is so intimately identified—coupled with the severity of competition for such business as has been passing, I venture to think that we may regard ourselves as fortunate in being enabled to show a small profit on the year's working.

The two new kilns at our Macao works are now working satisfactorily and, together with the two Buhler kilns which were transferred from Hong Kong and are in course of erection, should, on completion, place us in a position to meet the demand from Canton and the West River Districts when trade becomes normal, thus conforming with our policy to concentrate our Macao output on that particular market.

TO FULFIL LOCAL DEMANDS.

Turning to our Hong Kong works, owing to the plant in use there becoming gradually obsolete, the cost of manufacture there is increasing and we have found it necessary to transport Macao Cement to Hong Kong in order to fulfil the local and export demand; but transportation costs are too high to enable us to compete successfully with other brands in these particular markets. In this connection, we cannot anticipate any improvement in the prevailing state of affairs until such time as we are able to install an entirely new factory capable of turning out the high grade product which we have hitherto maintained, and ensuring its being marketed at a materially lower price. The cost of an up-to-date factory would, we believe, approximate to \$3,000,000, and its installation would, we think, occupy a period of two years.

Your Board are at present investigating this matter with a view to placing a concrete proposal before you for consideration in which relation the question of location is a matter of paramount importance, especially having regard to the fact that our Hong Kong property has so materially improved in value that it may be found expedient to concentrate elsewhere. Whilst on this subject, I deem it opportune to state that no scheme involving heavy capital outlay will be embarked upon without the consent of

shareholders in general meeting having first been obtained.

Deep Water Bay Works Closed.

With regard to our Deep Water Bay Works, I regret to say that the results again show a heavy loss. Your Board gave a great deal of attention to these works during the year and, after careful consideration, it was decided in August last that the most prudent course to pursue was to close down. It was not possible, however, to shut down entirely until December 31st, as we had contracted to supply Government requirements for the year 1927. So, soon, however, as your Directors were able to reach a decision, notice was given to the Superintendent and to one of his assistants, and charges reduced to a minimum commensurate with the maintenance of the installation in a condition rendering it capable of being operated again should conditions so warrant. Since the first of the current year, the works have been completely closed down, thus effecting a material saving; in this connection your Board have deemed it prudent to recommend the allocation to a contingency reserve out of the profits for the year 1927 of an amount of \$20,000, against the possible contingency of loss in the working for the current year on sales of such stocks as remain on hand.

Turning to the accounts, you will notice we have transferred the sum of \$123,000 from the "reserve for new plant" to buildings and machinery at Hong Kong, thus writing down the old plant there to \$46,299.55. We have also transferred from our reserve fund the sum of \$100,000 to buildings and machinery at Deep Water Bay, which now stand in our books at \$53,005.77. Our cash at the bank at the end of last year amounted to \$297,000, but on the other hand I would point out that our stocks of raw materials have been considerably reduced.

Investments Reduced.

Our investments are now reduced to \$564,656.82, as \$150,000 Hong Kong Government War Loan Bonds were drawn for re-payment during 1927.

The stock of limestone was again checked by independent surveyors towards the end of last year, and the result showed that our own estimate was still a conservative one. As our stock of stone was getting low, your Directors, at the end of last year, entered into contracts for a further supply from Indo-China for delivery spread over this year.

I do not think I have any further remarks to make and I now therefore have pleasure in proposing that the report and accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1927, as presented be adopted and that the appropriations recommended by your Board as above indicated be carried into effect; and when this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to endeavour to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

OTHER BUSINESS.

After the adoption of the accounts and reports had been seconded by Mr. J. H. Taggart, the election of Mr. Taggart to a seat on the board was proposed by Mr. E. M. Raymond, and seconded by Mr. G. H. Potts. On the proposal of Mr. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Potts, Messrs. C. A. da Roza and Li Tse Fong were re-elected to the board. Messrs. Linstead & Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-elected to be auditors of the Company at a remuneration of \$750 a month each on the proposal of Mr. E. M. Ellis and seconded by Mr. N. V. A. Croucher.

ATTEMPT TO KILL DR. C. C. WU.

COMMUNIST SENT TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

EMISSARY OF THE PARTY.

SINGAPORE, March 14th.

I was sent here by the Communist Party in China to bring light to the labouring classes in China," said Cheong Yok Kai, the would-be assassin of Dr. C. C. Wu and the shooter of Dr. Lim Boon Keng, when in the dock at the Singapore Assize this morning on two charges of attempted murder.

The accused pleaded guilty, and the Deputy Public Prosecutor (Mr. N. H. P. Whitley) repeated the facts regarding the Hill Street shooting which are already familiar to the public. He added that a Malay car driver named Mohamed bin Shariff, who saw the accused and two other men following Dr. Wu and also saw him fire a pistol and throw two bombs, chased the accused, and in spite of the fact that the accused twice turned and pointed his pistol at him he continued to chase and ran the man to earth in a compound on Fort Canning Hill. Another Malay named Bepoh bin Wahid joined in the chase and assisted in the arrest. Six rounds of ammunition were found on the accused, and a pistol which was found nearby showed signs of having been fired in all six chambers.

Accused's Statement.

The accused, asked if he had anything to say, stated that he came to Singapore with instructions from the Communist Party in China to kill Dr. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo, and Mr. Hu Han Min (members of the Nationalist delegation). The powers of the Communist Party in China had recently been greatly reduced.

His Lordship: I don't want to hear about the Communist Party in China. We are dealing with Singapore.

Accused said his instructions were to tell the people in Malaya and to enlighten them as to what the ideals of the Communist Party were.

His Lordship (to the interpreter): Tell him that nobody would object to his enlightening the people as much as he pleased so long as he did not encourage them to break the law. It is no excuse to tell me that he was sent here by the Communist Party or by anybody else to do murder. He is responsible for his actions. He cannot plead to me that anybody sent him here to do murder in this country.

His Lordship sentenced the accused to penal servitude for life. Accused said he did not intend to shoot Dr. Lim Boon Keng, and apparently he had more to say, but he was removed from the dock.—*Straits Times*.

SINGAPORE CRIMINALS.

ARMED GANG ROBBERS TO BE FLOGGED.

SINGAPORE, March 21st.

In the Assize Court, before Mr. Justice Deane, four Chinese, Cho Chee, Teo Oh, Ban See and Ong Ang were found guilty of assembling to commit armed gang robbery, being in possession of arms and being members of an unlawful assembly.

The first accused, his Lordship sentenced to five years' rigorous imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cat and two years' rigorous imprisonment, the sentences to run concurrently. The second accused was sentenced to six years' rigorous imprisonment, the sentences also to run concurrently. The third accused was sentenced to five years and 15 strokes of the cat, and the fourth to four years and 10 strokes of the cat.

A Chinese, Tan Boon Sooy, was charged with armed robbery and with wilfully causing grievous hurt at the same time and place.

According to the evidence the accused was one of a party of Chinese who chased another Chinese at Bukit Panjang. The fugitive ran into a coffee shop, where he was wounded in the chest by his assailants. Several more shots were then fired one of which wounded the coffee shop proprietor in the back. The party then rifled the till of the shop and left.

In his defence, the accused said that he owed two witnesses in the case \$10 as a gambling debt and he said that it was because he had not paid them they had brought that charge against him.

The accused was found guilty and was sentenced to seven years' rigorous imprisonment and 15 strokes of the cat.—*Straits Times*.

JERUSALEM CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

FAR EASTERN DELEGATES DUE TO-DAY.

MEETING OF EAST AND WEST PEOPLES.

The China delegation to the Jerusalem Conference, together with that from Japan and the Philippine Islands is due to reach Jerusalem to-day. The Enlarged Meeting of the International Missionary Council is to convene in that city on the 24th instant. This delegation of seventeen members, passed through Hong Kong on February 24th and were entertained here by various bodies.

The leader of the delegation is Dr. David Z. T. Yui, Chairman of the National Christian Council of China, and General Secretary of the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. The South China member is the Rev. Y. S. Tom of Canton. Other members are Dr. C. Y. Cheng, of Shanghai, General Secretary of the National Christian Council of China, Prof. T. C. Chao of Peking, Rev. Li Tien Lu of Tainan, Mrs. C. C. Chen and Dr. R. Y. Lo of Shanghai, Mr. T. C. Bau of Hangchow, Rev. Donald Fay of Chengtu and Mr. E. C. Lobenstein, another Secretary of the National Christian Council.

The China delegation is carrying a banner to be presented to a church in Jerusalem, the translation of the inscription being "The Light spreads to the four corners of the earth."

From March 24th till after Easter Day this conference, comprising about two hundred leaders of Christian work in some twenty countries, will hold daily sessions on the Mount of Olives considering the problems of co-operation between the various religious organizations in these countries. This is the first conference in which representatives of the Orient have sat down at the council table on equal terms with those of the Occident, each to contribute their experience to the building up of the churches in the various lands.

CINEMA NEWS.

SEVENTH HEAVEN.

"Seventh Heaven" continues to draw crowded houses to the Queen's, and has made a very deep impression on all who have seen it. It is certainly a picture which no one should miss, more especially those who are apt to consider that the art of the screen is trivial and of small account.

A very attractive part of the programme is the singing by Miss Aileen Woods of the title song "Diane." Miss Woods sings with the skill that is so well known and appreciated in the Colony, and the haunting melody has made the song well known all over the world.

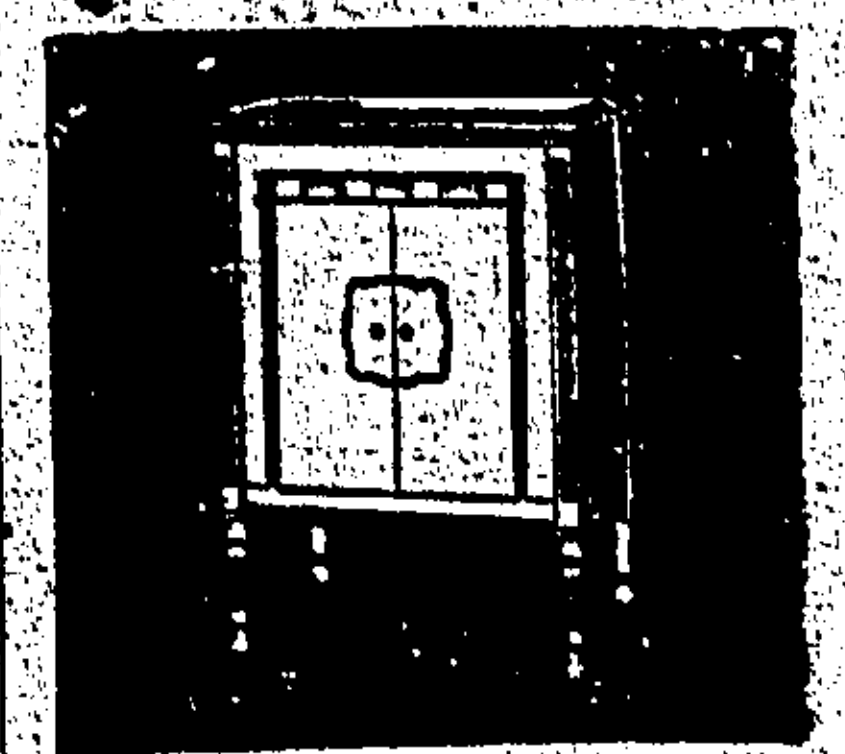
At The World.

Described as "delightfully different," "You Never Know Women," which will be shown at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday, combines drama, romance, and spectacle. The cast includes Florence Vidor, Lowell Sherman, and Clive Brook, besides a number of famous vaudeville artists who appear in person. The story centres around the romance of an actress who is loved by the magician in the company and by a wealthy idler. "You Never Know Women" was written by Ernest Vajda, the Hungarian playwright, and would be notable for the vaudeville turns alone, which are the real thing.

At The Star.

"Hold That Lion," Douglas MacLean's latest picture, is being screened at the Star Theatre from to-day to Saturday. It shows the smiling comedian, breaking all the rules of big game hunting, in a most amusing fashion. It begins in New York where MacLean falls in love with a beautiful blonde, and finally reaches the African jungle, where MacLean joins a "cat hunt" to discover that "cat" is a big game hunter's name for "lion." His hide-and-seek experiences in the jungle, ending in the capture of a live lion, win him a stake of \$10,000 and the girl of his heart.

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FATHER MARIETTE OF SINGAPORE.

KILLED BY FALLING PLANE.

SINGAPORE, March 14th.

The Right Reverend Monseigneur Emile Joseph Mariette, Vicar-General of the Diocese of Malacca, and Vicar of the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Queen Street, Singapore, died at the General Hospital last night as the result of an accident.

It appears he had just taken the catechism class at the French Convent and had driven down to Kampong Bahru to inspect the work at the new Church of St. Teresa. While in front of the building a piece of plank fell from the steeple, striking his head with such force that his skull was smashed.

The Rev. Father was at once removed to the General Hospital where an operation was performed, but it was found that the injury was fatal and he succumbed about 9 p.m.

Father Mariette, as he was commonly known, was born in France in Normandy, in 1853. He arrived in Singapore in January, 1897, and served successively in Batu Gajah, Penang, Machang Bubus, and Taiping.

LATE LORD OXFORD.

MEMOIRS SAID TO BE SENSATIONAL.

Some sensational matter, it is understood, is contained in the late Lord Oxford's book, "Memories and Reflections: 1822-1927," which is to be published in two volumes in the autumn.

Mr. Newman Flower, of Messrs. Cassell and Co., Ltd., who are publishing the book, said to a *Daily Mail* reporter:

"The book contains 100,000 words, and Lord Oxford was at work on it for two years and up to within a few weeks of his death. He wrote everything he intended to write with the exception of a preface. This he had hoped to do, but unfortunately was prevented by his illness and death. It has not yet been decided who will write it. The book deals with the whole range of the great statesman's life, including intimate extracts from his diary, and from a great mass of correspondence—some of the letters were written during the time he was Prime Minister in the early stages of the war, and are very critical in their comments."

There are also letters from famous people, including great generals in the war. All the papers left by Lord Oxford have been covered by this book, and some of the contents are of a sensational nature.

REORGANISING THE UNIONS.**CANTON GOVERNMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.****OLD CUSTOMS ABOLISHED.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

CANTON, March 21st.

In order to curb the power of the labour guilds still further the provincial Department of Labour and Peasantry has issued an order forbidding the labourers to force their employers to accept union workers. It has been the custom in the past for each working member of a labour guild to take off a certain number of days a month, so as to give work to fellow-members who were out of jobs. They would force their employers to give jobs to their fellow-members, making them discharge non-union workers to create the necessary vacancies.

According to an order of the Department these practices have not only been detrimental to the interests of the merchants, but to the labourers as well. On the surface such a practice seems to help unemployed fellow-members; but in reality it accomplished very little for the labourer forced on the merchants contributed nothing to the progress of business. One of the chief causes of the retrogression of China's industries has been the demands of the employers by the employees.

From now on, the Government decrees that all shop keepers and factory owners are free to hire their workmen without being harassed by unions. But preference should be given to union workers. And the merchants, when employing such union workers, should observe the rules and regulations of the labour union governing such employment.

An official of the Department of Labour and Peasantry, in an interview with the correspondent of the *Daily Press*, stated that, while the Canton Government has been placing restriction on the activities of the labour guilds, many of them have been reorganised along approved lines. Communism in labour circles, which had been very popular in the days of Bordin, has been stamped out, concluded the official.

VITAL STATISTICS NEEDED.

Mr. Wong Bo King, an official of the Municipal Bureau of Public Health, has submitted to the Bureau that there should be a weekly publication of vital statistics. There have been weekly reports of the number of deaths in Canton, which is between 140 and 180 at the present time, but so far the number of births per week in Canton has not been ascertained and published. The people at present attach no importance to vital statistics. Secondly although a system of getting a record of the city's population has been instituted it is not as yet in working order.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

The vernacular papers report the resignations of Li Kwan and Wong Shiang, Major-General and Colonel respectively of the 5th Army. Both of them went to Hong Kong and later to Shanghai on board one of the Empress liners. The object of their journey to Shanghai is said to be to pay a visit to General Ia Fook Lum, their former chief.

General Hsu King Tong goes to Waichow this morning to assume command of the 5th Army. The usual military ceremonies will be observed. Other changes in the personnel of the staff of the Army have been made. Mr. Chen Wang Chung has been appointed chief Aide-de-Camp, and Messrs. Chen Ying Cheung and Wang Wing Kai have been made heads respectively of the Purchasing Department and the Political Training Department. The Army comprises three divisions, the commanders of which are Teng Ying Wa, Wen Ying Kiu and Li Wu Tse. General Tang Ying Wa, former commander of the 5th Army, has been appointed Vice-Commander and concurrently the first divisional commander of the 5th Army.

A memorial demonstration is being held to-day at noon on the East Parade Ground in honour of those who lost their lives in the recent Communist uprising in Canton and the province. Chinese mourning couplets and epitaphs have been pouring in to the committee in charge of the memorial services. The relatives of the dead have been requested by the committee to send in brief accounts of their lives so as to enable the committee to compile a record of the affair. There will be no parade after the memorial services.

HEAVY HAND WITH CRIMINALS.**TWO WOMEN AWAY THE EXECUTED.**

The Commission of Police is extending no mercy to those found guilty of felony, kidnapping or even of misdemeanor, or of being a Communist. Last Friday and Saturday saw the execution of more than a dozen of bandit leaders, robbers and kidnappers. Two of these kidnappers were women. These women with their feet chained and their hands tied behind them were paraded through the principal thoroughfares of the city with the rest of the condemned bandit leaders and robbers, all of whom carried signs boards stating their guilt. The unhappy parade attracted considerable attention but the condemned persons, defiant and unaffected at their approaching fate were shouting inflammatory slogans such as "Long Live the Communist Party and Banditry," and "Down with the Kuomintang."

The execution of kidnappers was the first of its kind in Canton. Evidently the municipal authorities are determined to stamp out this form of crime. Notices of the two women kidnappers have been posted all over the city adding that the penalty for kidnapping, stealing and for being a Communist is death.

Yesterday saw the execution of three more bandits and Communists in Canton. Secret preaching of Communism and banditry were their offences. The committee on reconstruction appointed by the Political Council has been divided into two sections composed of regular members and special or consulting members. The regular members of the committee are Marshal Li Tsai Hsin, and Messrs. Leung So Ming, Luk Hing Ki, Pan I Wu, and Shao Yun Chung; while the special or consulting members are Messrs. Wu Kan Wu, Wong Kai Shan, Lin Sik Tang, Yuen Sok Tsing, Lin Yik Chung, Tse Ying Chow, Ho Yin, Yau Chung, Kwai Chung Kji, Wong Kwai Luk and a German professor of forestry of Sun Yat Sen University.

The old British Consulate has been selected as the headquarters of the committee. A modern road has been constructed from Wai Qi Road to the former British leased territory.

There are three departments, the first being in charge of documents, the second of the finances and general affairs of the committee, and the third of all publicity.

Plans for the reconstruction of Kwangtung will be discussed and drawn up as soon as General Li Tsai Hsin returns from Nanking.

LOCAL SOLICITOR'S DOGS.**OWNERSHIP OF UNMUZZLED ANIMAL NOT PROVED.**

A dog which was wandering without a muzzle at Conduit Road was instrumental in bringing Mr. A. E. Hall, a local solicitor, into Court yesterday morning.

An Indian constable who saw the unmuzzled animal roving about gave chase. The dog ran into house No. 11, which happened to be occupied by Mr. Hall. Concluding that the animal belonged to Mr. Hall, a summons was accordingly taken out against him.

At the Court yesterday, when the case was heard before Major C. Willson, Mr. Hall said that he owned not one dog but several. He wanted to know what proof the constable had that the animal belonged to him. It was not sufficient to see a dog running into his house. The constable would have to catch the animal and see what the number was on its collar. The Magistrate agreed with Mr. Hall and dismissed the summons.

THE CHINESE Y.M.C.A.**VARIED ACTIVITIES.****LOCAL APPEAL FOR \$30,000.**

(FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Mr. K. Z. Loh, M.A., who is in charge of boys work under the National Committee of the Y.M.C.A. in China, arrived at Hong Kong from Amoy and Swatow yesterday on his tour of the several Y.M.C.A. districts. The National Committee intend to organize a training centre for boys work leaders in Peking and then to revive the work among boys throughout China. The Y.M.C.A. will pay particular attention to the promotion of good citizenship under Christian influence.

Mr. Loh will spend a few days in Hong Kong before proceeding to Canton and will address the opening meeting of the membership and financial campaign of the Hong Kong Y.M.C.A. for the raising of \$30,000 needed for this year's work. The boys will meet on Friday and the men are holding a dinner on Saturday to inaugurate the campaign.

Mr. Yimmon H. Tsoo, general secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Hong Kong, speaking of the present development of the Association, said that the local Chinese Y.M.C.A. was entering upon a new era. He was proud of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade which won the 1927 Shield for general efficiency and service.

Mr. Wilbur Welcomed.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. is fortunate now to have here as an adviser Mr. H. A. Wilbur, an associate general secretary of the National Committee who has been despatched to Hong Kong to take the place of Mr. J. L. McPherson, who recently left for London on furlough. Mr. Wilbur will remain in Hong Kong until Mr. McPherson's return.

Mr. H. A. Wilbur has been many years connected with the Y.M.C.A. in the Far East having been at Tokyo and other important cities during his 30 years experience in Y.M.C.A. work. The appointment of so well known a secretary as Mr. Wilbur to Hong Kong is considered not only a tribute to Mr. McPherson, the regular head of the work here, but also to the importance of Hong Kong as a field of Y.M.C.A. work.

Public Service.

The Hong Kong Chinese Y.M.C.A. is doing very useful public service. It is now, in view of the approach of summer, giving a series of public health lectures, emphasizing the value of personal hygiene. The best known Chinese physicians and surgeons of the city are on the list of speakers and many thousand free vaccinations have been given.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. enjoys widespread public support and a number of leading Chinese merchants have headed committees to assist in the raising of the \$30,000 needed for 1928.

Several schools are using the ground at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for their basket ball league matches, and every afternoon and evening, the Association is a rallying centre for the Chinese boys seeking intellectual or physical training.

KNIVES IN THEIR BOOTS.**TWO SUSPICIOUS CHARACTERS IMPRISONED.**

Knives and torches were not made to be kept in one's socks, and the two Chinese who put them in such queer places found to their sorrow that they had created enough suspicion against themselves to incur six weeks in gaol.

These two men were found loitering in Reclamation Street and when they were searched each of them had a knife and a torch tucked away inside his socks. The constable naturally came to the conclusion that the men were up to no good purpose. He took them into custody and yesterday they were charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court. Both men were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour for carrying implements likely to be used for an unlawful purpose.

BRIBE OR BAIL MONEY?**POLICE LAUNCH COXSWAIN FINED.****SERGEANT WHO WAS TOO TALL TO BE SEEN.**

The case against the Chinese coxswain of a Police launch charged with obtaining a bribe from a Chinese junk mistress was continued yesterday before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy.

Mr. A. E. Hall appeared for the defence, and the case for the prosecution was conducted by Mr. Kent, A.S.P.

When the defence was opened, Mr. Hall submitted that he had no case to answer. The evidence of Sergt. Hill was to the effect that he had boarded the junk in company with the defendant and three others. The mistress of the junk had offered \$200 in order to be freed from arrest. The sergeant did not take the money and went away, as the amount of opium found on board was too small to form the basis of a charge.

Mr. Hall also reminded his Worship that none of the witnesses called for the prosecution had mentioned that Sergt. Hill had boarded the junk. This was, he said, a most important discrepancy, and in view of that, he submitted that he had no case to answer.

His Worship ruled that there was a case to answer and evidence was then taken.

Defendant's Story.

Li Yung, the defendant, in the witness box said that on February 29th, at 8.30 p.m. he was accosted by the man who informed Sgt. Hill about the opium being in the junk. This man told him that the sergeant had given orders for him (defendant) to accompany them during the search. In accordance with this arrangement, defendant crossed the harbour in company with the sergeant and others and they boarded the junk. There they found a man smoking opium. They searched the vessel and found only a small quantity of opium. The mistress of the junk offered \$200 to the sergeant saying at the same time that the offence was only a trivial one. Sergt. Hill told the woman that unless she could procure \$200 bail, she would be arrested, and gave her five minutes to get the money.

The mistress was frightened out of her wits and asked defendant to go ashore with her so that she could borrow the money to pay for her bail. The sergeant then left and defendant followed the woman. She eventually borrowed \$185 which she gave to defendant. This was not enough and defendant wanted \$15 more to make up the \$200 which Sergt. Hill had asked for. He and the woman were walking along together but when they were near the Wing Lok Street wharf, a Police searcher approached them and asked what they were talking about. The defendant told the searcher what had happened and said that he was there waiting for Sergt. Hill to turn up. They waited for about five minutes and when the sergeant failed to appear, the searcher took him into custody.

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For the defence, Mr. Hall argued that there were wide discrepancies in the evidence before the Court. It was evident that Sergt. Hill had boarded the junk, while the woman and other witnesses denied this. There also must have been the question of \$200 raised, but whether it was for bail or in the form of a bribe, had yet to be determined. Mr. Hall suggested that it was for bail, for when the defendant was accosted by the Police searcher, he told a straightforward story. He had said that he was waiting for the European Sergeant to turn up. The sergeant, of course, did not appear, and the defendant was arrested. The defendant could not have a guilty conscience, Mr. Hall said, for if he had, he would have been satisfied with \$185 and not run any further risk for the balance of \$15.

The Big Man And A Small Doorknocker.

Mr. Kent replying, said that it was obvious why the junk people had not seen the sergeant on board the vessel. Sergt. Hill, he said, was a man of six feet, and the entrance to the cabin in the junk was an opening of about four feet. The sergeant would have had to stoop to get into it, and that was the reason why he did not enter. The time, furthermore, was night and it was quite possible that the woman on the junk did not see that the sergeant standing on the fore-deck. Major Willson convicted and imposed a fine of \$200 or three months' hard labour.

THE LAI CHI KOK MURDER.**INDIAN WATCHMAN COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.****DEFENCE SUBMISSIONS OVER-ruled.**

The adjourned murder charge against Sandogar Singh, an Indian watchman employed at the Standard Oil Company, Lai Chi Kok, was resumed before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith was for the prosecution and Mr. E. S. Chowdhury for the defence.

An Indian constable gave evidence that he arrested the defendant at Kowloon Railway Station. He was at the ticket office and had asked for a ticket for Sumchun. The Indian constable said that he accosted the defendant and asked where he had come from, and where he was going. The defendant replied that he had come from Hong Kong and that he was going to visit some relatives at Sumchun. The constable then took the defendant into custody and brought him to the Tsim-She-Tsui Police Station.

Inspector A. J. W. Dorling stated that he examined the defendant when he was brought to the Station, and found several blood-stains on his tunic, there being a large blot on the right knee of his trousers. On searching the man he found a passport which had been issued in Singapore. Several abrasions were also noticed on the defendant's left hand. "These abrasions," continued witness, "could possibly have been made by a slip or fall, and I would not say that they were made by a chopper or knife."

Inspector Lane then gave evidence of going by motor-boat to Lai Chi Kok on February 18th and finding the body of an Indian watchman.

Finding Of Deceased.

The body lay face downwards with the legs doubled up. The hands were underneath the body, which lay in a large pool of blood. A large gash on the head seemed to have been made by some heavy instrument used with great force. After giving instructions for the body to be sent to the Mortuary witness returned to the Police Station where he found the defendant in custody. Upon asking him if he had anything to say defendant replied "I am drinking, I don't know." This was the only statement made by the defendant. Inspector Lane said that he arranged an identification parade the defendant being placed with a number of fellow-watchmen all of them being fully dressed in their uniforms. Three Chinese witnesses were called on to pick out the man they had seen at various times prior to the murder, and in each case they picked out defendant.

The Defence.

Mr. Chowdhury pointed out to his Worship that the three Chinese witnesses who had said that they saw the defendant on the night of the murder had not stated this fact when called upon to do so in court. The mere fact that his clients had been arrested in the act of buying a ticket for Sumchun was not enough to convict him. "The cuts and abrasions on the defendant's hands were simply the result of a fall, and even Inspector Dorling suggested that this may have been the case. Frankly I cannot find any evidence against the defendant save that he was seen to buy a ticket at the Railway Station."

His Worship then asked if the defendant wished to give any statement, but he replied that he had nothing to say. The Magistrate then asked Mr. Chowdhury if he wished to reserve his defence, but Mr. Chowdhury replied that he had instructions for the police court only.

His Worship said that he could not help feeling that the evidence given against the defendant was very suspicious and was inclined to think that there was a *prima facie* case. He committed the defendant for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

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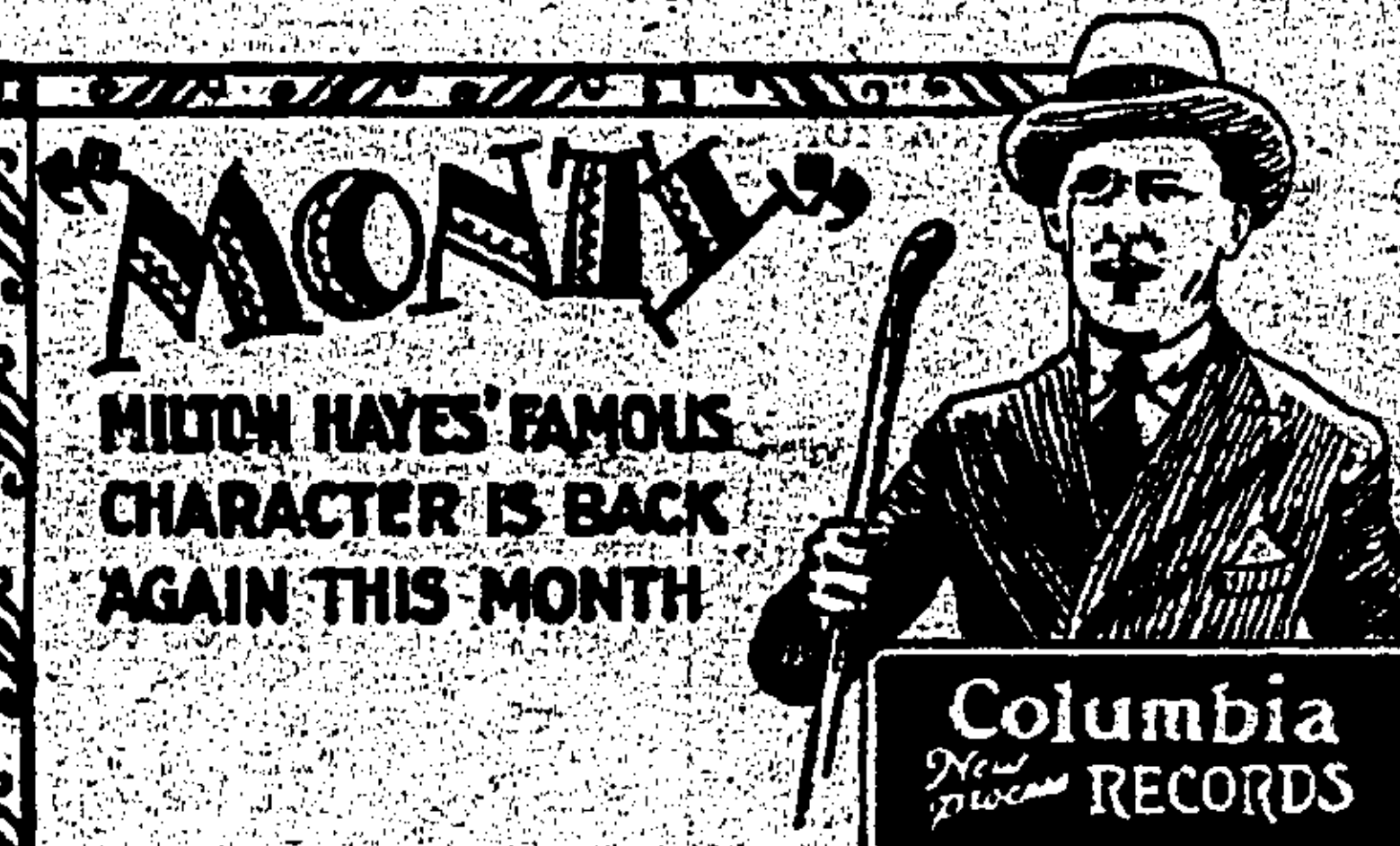
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NOTICE

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Clubhouse on FRIDAY, 30th MARCH, 1928, at 6 p.m. PROMPT.

A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.
[6044]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building, on MONDAY, the 2nd of APRIL, 1928, at 11 a.m.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th of MARCH to 2nd of APRIL, Both Days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LARPAK & CO.,
General Managers. [6048]

NOTICE

QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL DINNER of the Association will take place on SATURDAY, the 14th APRIL, 1928, at 8.00 p.m., in the Hall of Queen's College.

Members desiring to attend and to invite guests are requested to communicate with the Hon. Treasurer, CHOW FING UN, Esq., c/o ASSURANCE FRANCO-ASIATIQUE.

By Order of the General Committee,
C. G. ANDERSON,
Hon. Secretary. [6045]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911,

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ORIENTAL NAVIGATION CO., LTD.
(In Liquidation).

NOTICE OF FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a FIRST AND FINAL DIVIDEND of 10/6 per cent has been declared in this matter, and that the same may be received at my Office on MONDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MARCH, 1928, or on any subsequent day between the hours of 10 a.m. and noon.

J. HENNESSEY SETH, FRANK, Liquidator,
c/o FRANK SMITH, SMITH & FLEMING,
6, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6045]

TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON.

FROM 17th MARCH, 1928, until further notice, TELEPHONE SERVICE BETWEEN HONG KONG AND KOWLOON will be RESTRICTED owing to the temporary operations necessitating the removal of our submarine cables and resulting in a reduction in the number of junctions available to carry the telephone traffic between the above mentioned places.

A Full Service will be restored immediately following operations complete.

J. P. SHEERY,
Manager,
Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd. [6017]

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that SEALED TENDERS in triplicate, which should be clearly marked "TENDERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FERRY ACROSS A PARCEL OF CROWN LAND AT CHIA KWAI LUNG, S.D. DISTRICT," will be received at the COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE until NOON OF TUESDAY, the 27th DAY OF MARCH, 1928, for the Occupation for a Period of One Year from the Date of Notification of Acceptance of Tender of the Piece or Parcel of Ground, containing about One Acre, shown Coloured Red on Plan signed by the Director of Public Works and dated 9th MARCH, 1928, but subject to certain conditions which can be ascertained at the Office of the Director of Public Works.

Each Tender must be accompanied by a Receipt to the effect that the Tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$200 as a pledge of the bona fides of the Offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown if the Tenderer refuses to carry out his Tender and comply with the Conditions, should the Tender be accepted.

Form of Tender and further Particulars can be obtained from the Office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any Tender.

HAROLD T. CHERRY,
Director of Public Works,
9th March, 1928. [6030]

INTIMATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the House, Kwo Horze, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1928, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st October, 1927.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, to THURSDAY, the 29th Day of MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive, during which Period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers,
Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6015]

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th APRIL, 1928, at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 27th MARCH, 1928, to the 4th APRIL, 1928, (Both Days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOO POONG SHAN,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 19th Mar., 1928. [6029]

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary on MONDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th MARCH, 1928, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers,
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 8th Mar., 1928. [6163]

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE A SHIP'S NAME.

I, NEILAGE BROWN of Hong Kong HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that in consequence of our desire to conform with the Names of Similar Vessels owned by us, I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of the Ship "KOH KHAM" of Hong Kong, Official Number 152455, of Gross Tonnage 144.19 tons, Register Tonnage 148 tons, heretofore owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED, 8, Billiter Square, London, E.C.3, for the Permission to Change her Name to "CHENYANG" and to have her registered in the New Name at the Port of Hong Kong, as owned by CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

Any Objections to the proposed Change of Name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within Seven Days from the appearance of this Advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong, this 19th day of March, 1928.

(Signed) NEILAGE BROWN. [6026]

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"SAN-FAN" CIRCUS, having returned from AMERICA, are giving SHOWS at the PRATA EAST RECLAMATION AREA.

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INTIMATIONS.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF SALE.

OF THE VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.

Situate at Victoria in the Colony of Hong Kong, and known respectively as SECTION A or INLAND LOT No. 2520, together with the Buildings thereon known as No. 187, HOLLYWOOD ROAD, and

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The Property is held for the residue of the term of 24 years commencing from the Expiration of the Term of 75 years from the 26th June, 1848, created therein by a Crown Lease of the said Lot dated the 10th Day of SEPTEMBER, 1945, subject to Payment of the Annual Crown Rents of \$44 and \$410 respectively. The Area of Two Properties is 960 Square Feet.

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Messrs. LAMBERT BROS., Auctioneers, No. 8, DUNDAS STREET, Hong Kong, Mar. 19th, 1928. [6025]

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A FLAT in HONGKONG BUILDINGS, Kowloon, known as HUMPHREYS ESTATE A FINANCE CO., LTD., ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. [6417]

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The Daily Press.

Hong Kong, March 22nd, 1928.

WILL YE NO COME BACK AGAIN?

No one interested in the prosperity of Kwangtung desired Marshal Li Tsai Hsin to leave Canton for a visit to Nanking, and his absence naturally given rise to a feeling of apprehension. He is the acknowledged head of the Government in the South, and although General Wong Sun Hwa may be perfectly competent to maintain order the present is no time for that Government to be without its recognized leader. It has not been in control of affairs long enough to establish full confidence in its staying power, and it has still many

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enemies among the unruly elements of the population who would like to see it come to grief. Moreover, there is a certain amount of anxiety that MARSHAL LI may be persuaded by the Nanking military into all manner of unfortunate adventures. Their own ambition is to carry on with the Northern expedition, regardless of the cost to the country, and if the Marshal falls under their influence there is little doubt that he will commit Canton to participation in one form or another. That would be fatal to the many projects of reform promised in the South; road construction, bandit suppression, education—all would have to wait whilst money was provided for senseless military operations. When MARSHAL LI was in Canton and appeared to be content to devote the whole of his energies to the efficient administration of the Liang Kwang provinces, the prospects of peace, contentment and trade revival seemed entirely favourable. Now no one can forecast the future. MARSHAL LI's visit to Nanking cannot, under any possible circumstances, be to the advantage of Canton; it may, on the other hand, lead to infinite harm. But as it has been undertaken we can only express the hope that it will be cut as short as possible and that the Marshal will return before evil communications have a chance of corrupting good manners.

Little satisfaction can be derived from the earlier reports of the visit received from Shanghai. MARSHAL LI states that he will be back in a week or so. We sincerely trust that is true, but we can only wait and see. It has very properly been pointed out that there are many urgent problems facing the Canton Government which demand MARSHAL LI's personal attention and his

policy, judging from the statements to newspaper representatives, is to return almost immediately to take them in hand. But he says that when the re-organization of the Kwangtung armies is complete, the communists entirely eradicated and the Canton Government re-constituted, he will be willing to take up the appointment of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist armies. This would seem to suggest that he will leave Canton again and throw in his lot permanently with the Nanking politicians. Nothing could be more detrimental to Southern interests. The provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, rich in possibilities and crying out for efficient control, need a strong man at the helm, one who will steadfastly refuse to be drawn into the turmoil and difficulties of the rest of China. That is the position which awaits MARSHAL LI. It is one with infinitely greater responsibilities and correspondingly greater rewards than that of Chief of Staff of the Nationalist armies and we hope he will conceive it his duty, in his Country's interest, to take it and to stick to it.

The Rev. F. Racmour, of the Mission Catholic to Swatow, arrived here yesterday by the s.s. *Hydrangea* from Swatow.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of the Rev. H. A. Wiltbank, of St. Stephen's College, and Miss Hannah Gertrude Blanchet, O.M.S. Home, Canton.

European passengers arriving yesterday by the m.v. *Glenagarry* from London were—Mrs. Day, Mr. and Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. and Miss Schlec and Mr. Pirovano.

The annual meeting of the Douglas Steamship Company will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. Building on Monday, April 2nd, at 11 a.m.

The eighth annual dinner of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will take place on Saturday, April 14th, at 8 p.m., in the hall of Queen's College.

According to Japanese papers the third Osaka-Shanghai flight will be made this month, the aviators leaving Japan on March 25th and returning from Shanghai on March 28th.

The ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building, on Thursday, April 12th, at 12 noon.

A Chinese student of the Ellis Kadoorie School sustained minor abrasions and concussion through falling while he was descending the steps of the College. He was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The third ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held at the Board Room of the Company, 2nd floor, Exchange Building, on Wednesday, April 11th, 1928, at 12 noon.

The annual meeting of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association will be held in the H.K.C.C. Pavilion on Monday, March 26th, at 8 p.m. Clubs intending to take part in the League are requested to send representatives to this meeting.

Notifications of infectious disease in the Colony were, on Tuesday, as follows:—Three cases of enteric; one Chinese, one Italian (imported); one British case of diphtheria; one Indian case of paratyphoid; and one Chinese case of small pox.

The proceeds of the concert and fairy play given by the children of the Garrison School in aid of the Ministering Children's League on March 16th and 17th amounted to \$221.48 which sum has been given to the Treasurer of the League.

The Chinese Merchants' Club gave a farewell dinner in honour of the Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard last night at the Club House at China Building. There were several prominent Chinese and European businessmen present to wish Mr. Bernard bon voyage. Mr. Bernard is leaving the Colony in a fortnight's time by the Blue Funnel liner *Aeneas*.

SALVATION ARMY IN CHINA.

RELIEF WORK IN THE NORTH.

DESCRIBED TO ST. PETER'S YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.

The lecture given last night at the St. Peter's Young Men's Club by Adjutant Harris of the Salvation Army was interesting, and enlightening; and provoked a series of questions from the members and others present.

Adjutant Harris began by giving some description of the foundation ideals and general work of the Salvation Army. He himself is a burly officer recruited as a lad in Australia, and while he has made himself so proficient in the Mandarin tongue that he once or twice found himself at a loss for an English word his voice still preserves the soft Australian burr.

"The Say World Army."

It was, he said, in 1912 when General William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, was on his death bed that carrying the flag of the army to China was first spoken of; and it was the founder's dying wish, conveyed to his son and successor, General Bramwell Booth, that as soon as possible a pioneer army should be sent to China.

In 1916 the first band of English officers went to Peking to be joined later by others from Europe, Australia and New Zealand. During the first twelve months the officers set themselves to learning Mandarin, and had not intended to stay their work until they were fully conversant with the language. However, the interest aroused by the "Say world army," as the Chinese call them, caused them to start holding meetings earlier than they had planned, in disused temples and small makeshift erections.

Peking and Districts.

Some of the first converts are still members of the army, others have fallen away, while there are a hundred odd Chinese officers of both sexes. There are now eight different centres in Peking City and between sixty and seventy scattered through the three Northern Provinces. But the work does not end there. Small companies of officers are sent to the fair and theatrical performances which play so important a part in the village life of China, to hold meetings and try to convert the peasants.

Boat trips are made up the rivers by small parties, often only two or three, to preach to the boat people and those who live on the river banks. Trips are also made in Peking carts for periods of a week or a fortnight into the smaller villages, which are otherwise inaccessible. Wherever the army goes on its Evangelical mission, the officers are requested to undertake medical work.

Relief Work.

From the first the need for relief work in China was apparent. Millions live from hand to mouth, the disturbed condition of the country having aggravated the problems of unemployment and the rigorous winters.

During the winter months, from December to March, the army maintains bridge kitchens where the staple food of the poor, millet, is served out to those in genuine distress. There are now six of these kitchens in Peking which provide one meal a day to an average of a thousand persons each. Such relief work is naturally vitiated but to obviate those who do not stand in need of relief, careful investigations are made into each case by house to house visiting, and a system of meal tickets which are marked off as each meal is given.

The speaker spoke of the wonderful patience and willingness of these poor people who line up and take their turn. He also gave a description of the shelters which are divided up into partitions for men, women, and children. There are also sleeping shelters in which three or four hundred people sleep every night.

In Tientsin.

Much the same work is done in Tientsin but on a smaller scale as there is less poverty than in Peking. One of the features of the Tientsin relief work is the supplying of night and day all the year round of hot tea in the ricksha shelters.

Out in the country districts the same work is being done, and wherever the Salvation Army raises its standard the poor are invited to a feast on Christmas Day.

Sale of Gospel.

The Salvation Army believes that missionary work must be begun with social service, but it does not neglect the evangelistic side. Meetings, street and building are held everywhere and are attended by large crowds. The people in the language of the people are sold for a copper cent a book and the figures quoted by Adjutant Harris are amazing considering the illiteracy of the large number of the poor among whom their work lies.

These districts.

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KOWLOON'S CHINA EXHIBITION.

INTERESTING LECTURES.

THE LIFE AND CRAFTSMEN OF CHINA.

The China Exhibition which opens on Wednesday, the 28th March, in the Church hall and grounds of St. Andrew's Kowloon, promises to be extraordinarily interesting. The aim is to bring together as varied an assortment as possible of specimens of Chinese art and manufactures, and to give the foreign residents of Hong Kong some idea of the people among whom they live. Tableaux and lectures illustrative of Chinese life have been arranged by students of St. Stephen's Girls' College and others in the Church Hall, and there is a valuable collection of old Chinese pictures which have been lent by Mr. Tse Tsan Tai. The upper portion of the hall will be arranged as a Chinese restaurant where Chinese dishes prepared under European supervision will be served. Besides the exhibition stalls there will be twenty-five stalls where Chinese goods will be for sale, including embroideries, silks, brass, ivory and silver ware, and a stall of books on China. During the evening the grounds will be beautifully illuminated by the China Light & Power Company.

Opening Ceremonies.

The opening ceremony on Wednesday, the 28th, at 3 p.m., will be performed by Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and the Hon. Sir Shou Son Chow. On the second day at the same hour the exhibition will be opened by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Rotwell, U.S.G., and on the third day by Mr. Owen Hughes and Dr. S. W. Tse. Among other lectures are three of particular interest. On Wednesday, the 28th, at 5.30, Mr. R. E. Kinsell will speak on "Place names of Hong Kong"; on Thursday, at 8 p.m., the Rev. H. R. Wells, O.M.E., will speak on "The Cantonese Language"; and on Friday, at 8 p.m., the Rev. A. E. McNeer is giving a lecture on "The Chinese Mind." The Rev. C. H. McNeer is the representative of the armed of the New Zealand Presbyterian Church. He has been for many years a missionary in Canton, and has an intimate personal knowledge of the Chinese people; he is at present a lecturer at a Theological College in Canton.

Chinese Craftsmen.

A very large number is in course of erection which is to be divided into eighteen sections, each housing a number of Chinese craftsmen employed in their trades. The visitor will be able to watch the manufacture of blackwood furniture, of ivory, brass, and silver ware, of soapstone figures, etc. There will also be a collection of rare and valuable Chinese curios on exhibition which have been kindly lent by their owners, and which would alone make the exhibition very well worth visiting.

\$42,000 CUT ON \$75,000,000.

GOVERNMENT HEALTH SERVICES.

According to detailed estimates the Government departments concerned with health, labour, and insurance expect to spend during the coming financial year \$75,614,000, compared with \$75,605,000 in 1927, a net decrease of \$42,000.

The Ministry of Health wants an extra \$286,432, bringing the total to \$28,774,000. More than half of this is for grants toward housing expenditure.

Old-age pensions will necessitate an increase of \$201,000.

The estimate for the Ministry of Labour is down by \$238,187, and a big item which disappears is \$1,200,000 for the relief of unemployment.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 4.45 p.m., stated—

The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened considerably and fresh monsoon may be expected along the coast and over the North China Sea.

Local Forecast—N.E. wind, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy, probably rain later.

Wherever they go they are recognized and respected, and proof, if any were needed, of the good work they have accomplished in China, is given in the fact that the funds for the work are almost entirely supplied by Chinese friends of the Army.

PREPARATIONS FOR A NORTHERN OFFENSIVE.

MILITARY CONFERENCE AT PEKING CONCLUDES.

JAPAN REFUSES AMOY'S DEMANDS.
WHAMPOA CADETS TAKEN TO FORMOSA.

ANOTHER NATIONALIST GENERAL DESERTS?

CHRISTIAN GENERAL'S RECENT DEFEAT CONFIRMED.

The recent defeat of Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang at the hands of Fengtien troops on the Chihli-Honan front is confirmed. The scene of the defeat was Changti Ho, but details are still lacking. Reinforcements for Marshal Feng are concentrating at Wu-chang. These forces have come from the Changteh area where they are known to have been in conflict with General Ho Chen. It is deduced that General Ho Chen now controls this area.

Marshal Feng has made his headquarters at Hsinshang, north of the Yellow River, where he is conducting a "health campaign."

At the conclusion of a conference of northern generals in Peking, the generals returned to their respective fronts, and it is rumoured that a general attack on Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is intended.

Following on the news that General Wang Tung Kai, the Shan commander, had turned over, it is now rumoured that General Tang Seng Chi may also join the Northerners.

IMPENDING NORTHERN OFFENSIVE?

(Wah Te Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 21st.

Generals Chang Tsung Chang, Sun Chuan Fang, Chu Yu Pu, Chang Hsueh Liang, and Yang Yu Ting, having concluded a military conference at Peking, have proceeded to their respective fronts. It is hinted that a general attack on Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang is impending.

HONAN HEALTH CAMPAIGN.

(Wah Te Yat Pao.)

SHANGHAI, March 21st.

Hsinshang, to the north of the Yellow River in Honan, where Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang has established his temporary headquarters, started a health campaign on the 18th inst. A number of high civil officials and military officers have taken a lead in carrying on this campaign.

Even Marshal Feng himself, with the leading members of his staff, dragged a dust cart through many thoroughfares with a view to setting an example to the citizens.

TANG SENG CHI MAY DESERT.

REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED AT NANKING.

(NAVAL WIRELESS.)

NANKING, March 20th.

The latest news current here is that Tang Seng Chi has arrived, and rumours are going the round that he may desert General Ho Chen and join the Northern Expedition under Chiang Kai Shek.

General Tang Seng Chi's troops are now stationed in Hunan. In Chinkiang a great number of junks have been commandeered to transport troops to the North Bank.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION.

NATIONAL ORIGIN CLAUSE POSTPONED.

WHOLE QUESTION TO BE REVIEWED.

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 21st. The Senate has passed the Johnson resolution, postponing for a year the effective date of the national origin clause of the Immigration Act, considerably increasing the quota of British immigrants allowed. It is expected that the whole question will be further reviewed during the year.

NORTH POLE FLIGHT.

SCENES AT DEPARTURE OF BASE SHIP.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

SPITZ, March 20th. The 44. Otto de Milano, which will serve as a base-ship for the semi-drifted Italia, in which General Nobile will attempt the North Pole flight, left for King's Bay, Spitzbergen, where it will remain during the expedition. The departure was witnessed by a number of distinguished personalities, while Signor Mussolini wrote a letter to the captain of the ship. The vessel saluted the warships in Harbour.

AMERICAN TELEGRAPH MERGER.

PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPANY.

CO-OPERATION WITH WIRELESS.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COMPETITION.

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

New York, March 21st.

The cables merger announced yesterday is officially confirmed. Wireless services will be operated to supplement the existing cable system.

The plan contemplates the formation of a new commercial postal company under the chairmanship of Mr. Mackay. The intention is to acquire the outstanding stock of the Mackay Companies controlling the submarine and land lines of the commercial undertaking, and eventually to form a new International Cable Company also under Mr. Mackay to take charge of commercial cables.

Reply To Britain.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 21st.

City correspondents accept the American Telegraph Merger as a reply to the British cable and wireless combination scheme. They anticipate that the keenest Anglo-American competition will develop from it.

Radio Not Yet Involved.

New York, March 21st.

Mr. Owen Young, Chairman of the Radio Corporation, stated that the Radio Corporation was not involved in the merger but approved of the action taken. He believed that a combination of the United States wire and wireless systems was inevitable.

SWARAJIST MOTION REJECTED.

COUNCIL'S MANDATE "FLOUTED."

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

MADRAS, March 20th.

The Legislative Council has rejected, by 69 votes to 46, the Swarajist motion of non-confidence in the Ministry.

The Swarajists launched a severe attack on the Chief Minister for flouting the Council's mandate to boycott the Statutory Commission, headed by Sir John Simon.

The Chief Minister expressed the opinion that the Commission took precedence over the boycott vote of the House, which he interpreted not as a censure of his attitude but as a lead to the country.

ADMIRAL COLLARD'S SUCCESSOR.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

The Admiralty has appointed Rear-Admiral William M. Kerr to take command of the First Battle Squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet in succession to Rear-Admiral Bernard Collard, who has been recalled in connection with the incidents on board H.M.S. Royal Oak.

WELCOMED HOME.

COLDSTREAM GUARDS BACK FROM CHINA.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

The 2nd Battalion Coldstream Guards have arrived from Shanghai in the transport *Atene*, and will be welcomed on disembarkation to-morrow by Lieut. General Codrington, the Colonel of the Regiment.

AUSTRIA'S DEBT TO U.S.A.

INTERNATIONAL LOAN?

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, March 20th.

President Coolidge has addressed a message to Congress asking for legislation empowering the funding of the Austrian debt to the United States on at least as good terms as Austria's European creditors have received. This, it is stated, will allow Austria to float an international loan.

THE SOVIET AND JAPAN.

WHAT A TOKYO JOURNAL ALLEGES.

IS BARON GOTO CONDUCTING NEGOTIATIONS?

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

TOKYO, March 21st.

Though the Foreign Office and also the representatives of Baron Goto categorically deny any truth in the story the *Jiji* avers that Baron Goto is carrying out private negotiations for M. Karakhan, aiming at the opening of an official parley with the Soviet regarding Manchuria and Mongolia.

According to the *Jiji*, the points being discussed are, firstly, the establishment of spheres of influence; secondly, Japan's purchase of the southern section of the Chinese Eastern Railway between Harbin and Kwantchen; thirdly, the issuance of a Soviet loan on the Japanese market in return for facilities, including favourable freightage, in agreement with the South Manchuria Railway and the Chinese Eastern Railway. This connection, it will be remembered, the Premier denied when a somewhat similar report was current on the 10th inst.

[Baron Goto, who is a particularly active Japanese politician, was recently in Moscow with a commercial delegation from Japan.]

FRENCH SUMMER TIME.

GENERAL ELECTION CAUSES CHANGE.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

PARIS, March 20th.

The Government has decided that Summer Time will come into force at midnight on April 14th, instead of April 21st, as previously agreed between Britain, Belgium and Holland.

The Parliamentary election takes place on April 22nd, and the date of Summer Time has been fixed eight days ahead in order to avoid the possibility of misunderstandings over the closing of the polls.

THE DONETZ ARRESTS.

GERMANY SHOWS HER DISPLEASURE.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

BERLIN, March 20th.

Permission granted to a number of Russian engineers to inspect the Rhenish industrial works has been withdrawn, the decision being dictated by the recent arrest of German engineers at the Donetz coal basin.

ONE-ARMED COMMUNIST ARRESTED.

SEQUEL TO FASCIST MURDER.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

BRUSSELS, March 20th.

A one-armed Italian Communist named Pavon has been arrested near Rome. He is suspected of complicity in the murder of Signor Savorelli in Paris a week ago.

Signor Savorelli, a Fascist leader, was shot down at the door of the flat of some friends, a telephone message having previously been received enquiring if Savorelli was in the house.

The murdered man answered the door when the ball rang shortly afterwards, three shots rang out, the door was slammed, and Savorelli was found dead, the assassin having disappeared.

ANGLO-GERMAN CONVENTION SIGNED.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

An Anglo-German Convention for facilitating judicial proceedings has been signed in London by Sir Austen Chamberlain and the German Ambassador. The Convention is subject to ratification.

FEWER UNEMPLOYED.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, March 20th.

The latest returns show that the number of persons unemployed has decreased to a little over one million. This is a great figure, but it is stated that the week before.

THE RUSSIAN PLAN.

BRITAIN'S GRAVE CRITICISM.

IS THE SOVIET AGAINST CIVIL WAR?

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

GENEVA, March 20th.

The eagerly-awaited debate on the Soviet proposals for complete disarmament of all countries in the world, was opened to-day by General di Marini (Italy) who dealt with the proposals by saying that the plan was neither acceptable nor rejectable as a whole.

M. Chusan, the French representative at the Conference, made an effective address following much the same lines.

The speech of the day, however, was that of Lord Curzon (Great Britain) who spoke for an hour before the adjournment and severely criticised the Soviet plan.

The League Ignored.

Lord Curzon argued that some of these proposals were quite impossible and he was particularly severe on the omission of mention of the League of Nations, notwithstanding the fact that the Soviet delegates had come to Geneva to discuss disarmament under the League of Nations.

Lord Curzon expressed agreement with the proposal that a small committee should be appointed to examine the plan.

Vigorous Attack.

Lord Curzon produced a sensation in the assembly by the vigour of his castigation of the Soviet subsequently. He declared that the League had never received any support from Russia, where Geneva and all its works were rejected.

The Soviet delegates, he declared, had come to Geneva with only one purpose in their minds, to unmask the capitalist States and to sabotage the League.

If the Article of the Russian scheme which disallowed sanctions against an offender was accepted, it would be necessary to repeal the Covenant of the League, he pointed out.

Technical Advice.

The Soviet proposal must be submitted to the Governments represented at the Commission as they would necessarily wish to confer with their technical experts. Consequently, he argued, it would be impossible to go on with full discussion of the proposals during the present sessions.

Lord Curzon said he believed that disarmament could be achieved much more easily by perseverance and patience.

Pertinent Question.

The surprise of the attack was enhanced when Lord Curzon asked: "Are the Soviets against civil war?" He declared that they were endeavouring to create such civil wars in other countries.

As regards naval disarmament, he said Britain was prepared to abolish submarines if other countries did the same, and was prepared to go even further than she had already gone in the reduction of battleships.

Viscount Sato (Japan) pronounced the Commission to be incompetent to deal with the Russian proposals without the consent of the Council of the Assembly. He nevertheless hoped that the Soviets would continue co-operation.

Unpractical Proposals.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

RUSSIA, March 20th.

In opening Lord Curzon said the first principle of the Russian project, namely complete disarmament, would be accepted by everyone as an ideal, and he was certain no-one was prepared to reply in the negative to the principle that complete disarmament was the aim of all.

At the same time he thought it was impossible, and he would have liked Mr. Litvinoff to have shown how it might be done.

As far as Great Britain was concerned, she was in favour of disarmament, but there were many questions to be decided first, and that was the reason why he suggested the Russian plan should be discussed, so that all that was good in it might be taken and made use of by the Commission.

Lord Curzon objected that throughout their 63 Articles the Soviet did not once recognise the League of Nations.

Plain Speaking.

In their project, the Russians proposed that all disputes should be settled not by the Council of the League, but by a Permanent International Committee of Control. This was an entirely new body.

Turning to M. Litvinoff, Lord Curzon said there were two kinds of peace, there were two kinds of war. There was international war, and civil war, and civil war was the more horrible.

COTTON MILLS CLOSING.

JAPAN BUYING MACHINERY.

AMALGAMATION NEEDED.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

The position arising from the recent breakdown in the Cotton Conference was discussed at a meeting of the representatives of the Master Cottonspinners Associations and the Manufacturers' Association at Manchester.

It is not considered probable that the Employers' Federation will force an issue with the operatives on the proposal to reduce wages and lengthen hours, but there exists a strong feeling in the trade there should be a 48-hour production week, not including, as at present, the time needed to clean the machinery.

Question In Parliament.

In the House of Commons, Mr. T. Johnston (Dundee, Lab.) drew attention to the Glebe Mill at Oldham, which he said was sold at a break-up price and the machinery shipped to the Far East to be operated with cheaper labour for longer hours. Four hundred workers had been thrown out of employment in England.

Mr. Johnston asked whether similar sales of machinery were projected to Indian and Japanese capitalists, and what steps the Board of Trade proposed to take in this connection.

Reconstruction From Within.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Liester replied that he was not aware of the case cited, but it was a fact that a number of cotton-spinning mills were being closed down and the machinery sold.

Some portion of the machinery sold under these circumstances might be shipped abroad, but he could not see what power he had to prohibit the export.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Liester expressed the opinion that it was much more important that there should be an amalgamation and reconstruction of the Lancashire cotton trade (which must come from within) so that new machinery might be installed.

THE IBSEN CENTENARY.

CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT NORWAY.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

OSLO, March 20th.

A salute of 21 guns was fired by all Norwegian fortresses to-day in connection with the centenary of Ibsen, which is being celebrated throughout Norway, and also in England.

Oslo is decked with flags, and the British representative was among the speakers at a ceremony at the cemetery where the poet Ibsen is buried.

LORD BALFOUR'S ILLNESS.

CONDITION SATISFACTORY.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

Lord Balfour, who has been compelled to cancel all engagements owing to ill health, is reported to have passed a good night, and his condition is satisfactory.

SUZUKI & CO.

LONDON BRANCH WOUND UP.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

A compulsory order for the winding up of Suzuki & Co. Ltd., was made by Mr. Justice Eve, in the Chancery Division of the High Court, London, on the petition of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, and of J. Moore, E.C.

Mr. Bishoff, for the Equitable Trust Co., said it was a creditor's petition asking for the winding up of a Japanese company which carried on business in this country.

Mr. Justice Eve, And properly registered.

Mr. Bishoff, Yes.

Mr. Justice Eve: Does the company appear?

Mr. London, I appear for the company. We have considered the position, and we are satisfied that there is no alternative but to consent to a winding up by order.

ARMY ESTIMATES.

LABOUR CRITICISM OF SINGAPORE BASE.

REPORT STAGE CONCLUDED.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

LONDON, March 20th.

Labour attacked the Government on conditions in Singapore at the report stage of the Army Estimates to-day.

Mr. W. T. Kelly (Rochdale, Lab.) referred to the most unsettling rumours of the conditions under which employees of the War Department in Singapore were obliged to live.

He asserted that the conditions were a disgrace to Britain and declared that we ought to set a standard as an example to people in that part of the world.

Mr. T. T. Mardy Jones (Pontypridd, Lab.) asked what proportion of the money being spent in Singapore during the forthcoming financial year was being used on the causeway linking up the mainland with the island.

Japanese Purchases?

He also wanted to know if it was a fact that a number of Japanese planters had bought up large tracts of land which were militarily of great importance from the standpoint of the Singapore defences. He further expressed strong doubts as to whether local opinion in Singapore was very strongly in favour of the Singapore base.

Sir Laming Worthington Evans, the Secretary for War, pointed out that discussion of the base was totally outside his sphere.

He mentioned that the total expenditure incurred up to the present was £285,000. This year £132,000 would be spent.

Employment of Labour.

The general instructions issued regarding the employment of labourers was that the men should be employed in accordance with fair local rates, and he did not doubt that that instruction was being carried out.

BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.

In introducing the Army Estimates earlier, Sir Laming Worthington Evans said the conception which the War Office had of the development of tanks and mechanised forces was not that they should replace the shock tactics of the cavalry.

Should they be in a country where vehicles could not carry guns, but where animals must do that work, men as trained would be capable of functioning under those circumstances.

Mechanising Cavalry.

With regard to the organisation of two cavalry regiments with armoured cars, namely the Eleventh Hussars and Twelfth Lancers, the Minister pointed out that they would each be mounted in three squadrons of thirty-four armoured cars.

The present estimates provided that during this year the Eleventh Hussars which was the regiment at home should have 24 armoured cars, and the regiment in Egypt, the Twelfth Lancers, should have 24 armoured cars, so that only one squadron would be mounted and other two squadrons would be mounted in the succeeding year. He could not do it completely in Egypt this year.

PORTUGUESE INTERPORT BILLIARDS.

HONG KONG INCREASES LEADS.

ANOTHER EXHIBITION GAME TODAY.

(THROUGH REUTERS' AGENCY.)

There were two matches played at the Lusitano Club yesterday night the result of which gives Hong Kong a lead of 600 points. The first game between Mr. A. A. Sousa of Shanghai, and Mr. R. P. Lauz of Hong Kong, was won by the latter. His highest break was 50 points, while his average for the game was 10. Mr. Sousa averaged 5.69 with a best break of 41 points. The game was won by 210 points.

At 9:15 p.m. Mr. L. B. Barrere (Shanghai) met Mr. F. M. Cruz (Hong Kong), and the latter won by 188 points. Mr. Cruz, the winner, made a break of 38 points, while his average for the game was 7.46. Mr. Barrere averaged 4.72, and his highest break was 41 points.

Mr. A. J. Omond (Shanghai) met Mr. E. D. Bush at 9:15 this evening in an exhibition match of 750 up. Those interested in billiards who were unable to see the previous game should make a point of seeing the game this evening. Mr. Bush is playing with his own set of special ballroom balls, and high breaks should be the outstanding feature of the game.

To-morrow night is the last game of the series, and will be between the two captains, Mr. C. M. T. Remedios (Shanghai), and Mr. A. J. Omond (Shanghai). A very interesting game is expected.

SCOTS GUARDS SPORTS.

YESTERDAY'S MEETING AT SHAMSHUPO.

AN INTERESTING PROGRAMME.

The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards held their athletic sports meeting yesterday on the ground at Shamshupo Camp in the presence of a large gathering of Service men, officers and their families. Among the spectators were H.E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., and Mrs. Luard.

A commencement was made in the morning with the long programme of events, and a very successful meeting was brought to a close in the afternoon. Officials of the sports meeting were: Referee, Lieut. Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, Bart, D.S.O., M.V.O.; Judges: Officers of the Regiment; Starter: Lieut. F. H. Carr; Timekeepers: Lieut. and Adjutant J. L. M. Bland, Lieut. C. A. R. Coghill; Megaphone Steward: R.S.M. W. Murray, D.C.M.; Chief Marshal: Lieut. W. Blakeley; Asst. Marshalls: Company Sergeant Majors; Event Masters: Company Quartermasters; Referees: O.R.Q.M.S. E. McDonald, Sergeant E. Reeves; Clerks of the Course: Sergeant J. Martin, Corporal T. Dolan.

By kind permission of Lieut. Col. R. G. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., and officers, the Band of 1st Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment was present under the conductorship of Band Sergeant C. Manley.

The Battalion Championship Shield was competed for by the Headquarters Wing, Right Flank, "F" Company, "G" Company, and Left Flank, points being awarded in certain events. "F" Company won the Shield, the runners-up being the Headquarters Wing.

A feature of the afternoon was the open competition for pipers and dancers. With the exception of third place secured by Piper Slattery of the King's Own Scottish Borderers in the piping competition, all other places in both events were secured by the Scots Guards.

The team races called for much stamina and were very keenly run. A close finish was seen in the Officers' race won by Capt. Tyingham. Guardsman Ramsay was outstanding in many of the events. In the one mile race open to other units, Pte. Tiersman of the R.A.M.C. was the winner, second and third places being also taken by outside units. There was also a race for Indians which drew many entries. Guardsmen Eccles and Norval, assisted by a member of the R.A.M.C., attended to the humorous side of the proceedings and succeeded well in their quaint costumes and make-up.

Before asking Mrs. Luard to distribute the prizes, Lieut. Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie congratulated the winners of the Battalion Championship Shield. Cheers were called for and heartily given for Major General and Mrs. Luard at the close of the meeting.

EVENTS AND RESULTS.

880 Yards Relay:—1, "G" Company; 2, "F" Company.

Company Relay Teams:—1, Left Flank; 2, "G" Company; 3, "F" Company.

Throwing the Cricket Ball:—1, Right Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing; 3, Left Flank; 4, Headquarters Wing; 5, "F" Company.

Long Jump:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.

Throwing the Discus:—1, Right Flank; 2, Left Flank.

Corporals' Race:—1, L/Cpl. Mower; 2, L/Cpl. Lawman; 3, L/Cpl. Hills.

Sack Race:—1, Gdsm. Ramsay; 2, Gdsm. Young; 3, Gdsm. Norris.

440 Yards Relay:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.

Pole Jump:—1, Left Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Sergeants' Race:—1, L/Serg. Hearn; 2, L/Serg. Heathcote; 3, L/Serg. Nicol.

Long Jump:—1, "F" Company; 2, "G" Company.

Putting the Weight:—1, Right Flank; 2, "F" Company.

Three-Legged Race:—1, Gdsm. Ramsay and Young; 2, Gdsm. Dickson and Webb; 3, Gdsm. Watt and Carter.

High Jump:—Headquarters Wing and "F" Company (tie).

Officers' Race:—Captain Tyingham.

Piping and Dancing (Open):—1, Pipers of the Scots Guards; 2, Pipers of the Scots Guards; 3, Pipers of the Scots Guards.

Blindfold Drill Competition:—Right Flank.

One Mile Relay:—1, "Y" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Throwing the Hammer:—1, Right Flank; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Open Mile:—1, Pte. Tiersman (R.A.M.C.); 2, L/Cpl. Goodridge (R.A.M.C.); 3, L/Cpl. Atherton (R.A.M.C.).

Old Soldiers' Race:—1, Gdsm. Pease; 2, Gdsm. Ramsay; 3, Gdsm. Dyer.

Tilting the Bucket:—1, L/Cpl. McKelvie and Gdsm. Dunlop; 2, Gdsm. Edmondson and Thomson; 3, Gdsm. Ramsay and Young.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

HONG KONG LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Club de Recreo 1, Kowloon F.C. 1.

The following games advertised for yesterday were postponed.

Scots Guards v. Queen's Regimental Sports at Shamshupo.

China Athletic v. South China owing to South China being unable to turn out a side.

Club de Recreo 1, Kowloon F.C. 1.

This game was scheduled for King's Park but was played on the Railway ground, both teams agreeing to the change.

The result was a surprise, Recreo making the score-level in the closing minutes of the game. Kowloon were at full strength, except Vickers for Miles at outside left.

The Recreo were soon attacking, but Dodson sent them back.

Kowloon then took up the attack and Fernandez cleared from Northey.

The Recreo left was a danger to the Kowloon defence, but Wheeler cleared in fine style. Northey got through again for Kowloon but Fernandez cleared his shot.

Kernick did well but just failed to get the ball into the net. Halftime, no score.

Kowloon pressed strongly on resuming and following a corner kick, Kernick sent the ball into the net.

Kowloon got away from the centre kick and Kernick was nicely placed when he cent over the bar. A. Remedios kept Northey well under, but Miles and Kernick were left open and Fernandez did well to keep the score down. Sousa and Xavier worked hard in the defence.

From a breakaway by the Recreo, Ogley missed when well placed. Play was fast with Kowloon having the better of the game. The Recreo forwards combined in a good raid on the Kowloon goal and were awarded a penalty for hands.

A. Remedios took the spot kick and beat Angus making the score one all. Kowloon exerted themselves for the winning goal but the Recreo defence held out until the final whistle sounded, the score then being, Kowloon 1, Club de Recreo 1.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

The following will represent the Hong Kong Football Club (Rugby Section) against the Navy in the first round of this competition on Saturday:—

R. J. Grieve; A. E. Pritchard; V. H. Koop; G. P. H. Richard; G. P. Lammert; F. M. Spence; C. D. Weller; T. L. Foster; B. Beveridge; R. F. Akhurst; R. P. Moodie; E. R. West; B. W. Sampson; P. L. P. Thomas; A. R. Cox.

The place and time of kick-off will be advised later.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. "B" TEAM v. R.A.S.C.

This "friendly" cricket match between the I.R.C. and the R.A.S.C. on the R.A.S.C. ground took place on Saturday at 2 p.m.

I.R.C.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, A. Rahim; U. T. Thad, A. K. Ismail, A. M. Runjahn, A. R. Sufiad and M. R. Abbas.

L.R.C. "B" TEAM v. C.R.C.

This league cricket match between the L.R.C. "B" and the C.R.C. took place on the L.R.C. ground on Sunday, the 20th inst., at 2 p.m. sharp.

I.R.C.—M. P. Madar (Capt.), R. Nazarin, Sirdar Khan, A. S. Sufiad, D. Mohamed, L. Hassan, A. M. Runjahn, A. K. Ismail, A. Rahim, A. Butt and U. T. Thad. Reserves: A. R. Sufiad and M. R. Abbas.

Indians' Race:—1, Fajis Singh; 2, Abdul Gaur; 3, Mohamed Khan.

Band Race:—1, Bdm. Grove; 2, Bdm. Smith; 3, Bdm. Dodson.

Tug-of-War Finals:—1, Headquarters Wing; 2, "F" Company.

Medley Relay Race:—1, Headquarters Wing; 2, "F" Company.

Opposite Nos. Race:—Warrant Officers.

Three-Mile Team Race:—1, "F" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

One Mile Team Race:—1, "F" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Transport Race:—1, Gdsm. Fitzpatrick; 2, Gdsm. Shaw; 3, Gdsm. Tennant.

Consolation Race:—1, L/Cpl. William; 2, L/Cpl. George; 3, L/Cpl. Lister.

Five-side Football Final:—1, "O" Company; 2, Headquarters Wing.

Battalion Championship Shield:—1, Headquarters Wing, 601 points; 2, Headquarters Wing, 511 points; 3, Left Flank, 441 points; 4, "G" Company, 41 points; 5, Right Flank, 38 points.

LAWN TENNIS.

NG SZE KWONG SHINES.

FURTHER CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS.

Ng Sze Kwong delighted the spectators yesterday by a spectacular all round performance against T. Akiyama in the second round of the Open Singles Championship of the Colony. He won by 6-2, 6-0, and this score against Akiyama, who is by no means a mean player, is suggestive of the splendid form the Chinese champion still maintains. Yesterday the ex-champion hit the ball with precision and placed his shots with remarkable accuracy, being seldom at fault. He often drew Akiyama out of his proper game and was able to retrieve any difficult shot that his opponent sent over. Akiyama was not off colour at all, but was indeed unfortunate to find Ng Sze Kwong at the top of his form. It was an object lesson to watch the ex-champion cleverly outmaneuvering his opponent by sound tactics. Often he would spring a surprise by suddenly attacking after having played steadily from the baseline.

He certainly gave the best individual display so far seen here this year and by his performance shows that he will be a most difficult man to defeat.

Open Doubles.

Four ties were also decided in the Open Doubles Championship of the Colony, but the results had not much bearing on the competition.

Lee Wai Tsoi and Lee Woon Tsoi secured an easy win over their compatriots, the Luk Brothers, and thus qualified to meet Ng Sze Kwong and Ng Sze Cheung in the second round.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha scored a victory yesterday by the success of their only representatives T. Fujieda and Y. Hachiuma who beat Dr. Craig and Surg.-Lt. Cdr. Harkitt in straight sets. They now meet E. de Sousa and A. V. Remedios who also won in straight sets yesterday at the expense of Dr. Newton and Dr. Valentine.

S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain met and defeated Tregar and Kealy in the fourth match and qualified to meet Dr. Tottenham and R. Hancock.

The Mixed Doubles and Handicap Singles "B" drew some attention and even play was seen in all the matches.

The detailed results of all the matches were:—

Open Singles.

Ng Sze Kwong beat T. Akiyama, 6-2, 6-0, 8-0.

Open Doubles.

Lee Wai Tsoi and Lee Woon Tsoi beat Luk Ding Cheung and Luk Kan Cheung, 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

T. Fujieda and Y. Hachiuma beat Dr. J. E. Craig and Surg.-Lt. Cdr. Harkitt, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.

E. de Sousa and A. V. Remedios beat Dr. I. Newton and Dr. D. J. Valentine, 6-1, 8-6, 6-4.

S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain beat W. Tregar and J. B. Kealy, 6-0, 11-9, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B": C. H. Bradley (over 1/6) beat H. C. Macnamara (rec. 15), 6-3, 6-0.

J. Wilkie (rec. 5/8) beat H. Graves (rec. 3/6), 6-4, 7-5.

Mixed Doubles: Mrs. W. Woodward and C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 2/6) beat Miss Coppin and A. G. Coppin (rec. 15/4), 6-4, 8-3.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6) beat Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Valentine (rec. 2/6), 6-3, 7-5.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Open Doubles: T. Honda and T. Akiyama v. W. A. Nowers and E. D. Lawrence.

Handicap Singles "A": S. E. Green (over 15/3) v. C. W. E. Bishop (rec. 15/1).

W. M. Lyons (rec. 5/6) v. D. B. Green (rec. 15/1).

Handicap Singles "B": L. R. P. Lonsdale (over 10) v. H. Spicer (rec. 5/8).

G. G. Johnston (rec. 15) v. J. Barrow (over 15).

Handicap Doubles: Dr. G. E. Aubrey and G. W. Sewall (over 3/8) v. Dr. C. H. Burton and C. Rankin (rec. 15/1).

H. M. Henderson and A. Brestley (over 15) v. C. H. Bradley and Major C. Wilson.

LAWN BOWLS ASSOCIATION.

MR. AITKENHEAD'S GENEROUS GIFT.

A GOOD YEAR'S SPORT.

The annual meeting of the Lawn Bowls Association was held yesterday evening commencing at 8.30 in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at which representatives of the different Lawn Bowls Clubs attended.

Mr. R. Sutherland, President, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. D. Templeton, Vice-President, C. J. Tachai, Hon. Secretary, and A. O. Brown, Hon. Treasurer. Reference was made to the last Interport match at Hong Kong, and to the generous contribution of Mr. Aitkenhead, skipper of the last Shanghai team, of \$100 for a prize for any competition the local Association should decide to hold.

The Interport Match.

After the usual opening formalities, the Chairman, Mr. R. Sutherland, said he thought it might be said that the Association had had a very successful and interesting year. The most important matter in connection with their activities was the visit of their Shanghai friends in October last when they were successful in defeating Hong Kong by some 16 points in the interport match which took place at the Craigiegowrie Club on October 18th.

The Hong Kong team, ably skippered by Mr. Wallace, was up against bowlers of exceptional skill and although the Hong Kong representatives played a careful and sterling game they were overpowered. The Shanghai visitors played various matches with local clubs and were successful in all contests except those against the Craigiegowrie Club, Civil Service and the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

The Entertainment Committee.

The Association was much indebted for the very excellent work performed not only by the selection committee but by the Entertainment Committee. Inspector Kent, Mr. R. A. Smith, Mr. D. Harvey, Mr. A. O. Brown and the energetic secretary Mr. C. J. Tachai.

The stay of the visiting team was of considerable duration and the gentlemen he had named were kept fully employed in looking after their comfort. Altogether the visit of the Shanghai team, although the weather was somewhat unkind at the commencement of the games, could only be looked back upon with the most pleasant memories.

Local Matters.

Turning to local competition the Dock Recreation Club had to be congratulated in winning the first division of the League by scoring 781 points against 687. The team did not lose a single match, thus establishing a record.

In the Open Championship Mr. Lapsley succeeded in winning the event. Mr. J. C. Brown was the runner-up, their veteran player Mr. Willis Russell being third and Mr. A. M. Holland fourth.

Mr. Lapsley had an uphill game in working through the competition and he was well deserving of his success. The winners of the Spey Royal Cup were the Taihook Recreation Club, Craigiegowrie being the runners-up.

Shanghai Ship's Generosity.

In conclusion Mr. Sutherland said that with particular pleasure he informed the meeting that on his departure to Shanghai Mr. Aitkenhead, the Shanghai skipper, presented the Association with \$100 to be allocated to any bowling prize the Association desired to put up for competition.

Adoption of Accounts.

Coming to the accounts, Mr. A. O. Brown said that there was a balance to be carried forward of \$320.33, which included the \$100 donated by Mr. Aitkenhead for a trophy. On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Inspector Kent, the Statement of Accounts as presented was adopted.

Entries for League.

The following entries were received for the League during the forthcoming season:—

DIVISION I.

Police Recreation Club, Civil Service Recreation Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, Taihook Recreation Club and Craigiegowrie Cricket Club.

DIVISION II.

Civil Service Cricket Club, Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Taihook Recreation Club, Craigiegowrie Cricket Club, East Point Recreation Club, West Club and Club de Recreo (2 teams).

Entrance Fees.

Discussion followed on whether the Entrance Fee for each Club should be \$50 as last year or reduced to \$25. The Hon. Treasurer explained that the Entrance Fee of \$50 was a concession.

(Continued on next column)

GOLF.

ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.

BOGEY POOL—FANLING—MARCH 17th-18th.

I. Newton (5) and R. H. Hollis (10), all square—divide.

Other scores: A. E. Lissaman (5), 3 down; T. S. Whyte-Smith (9); R. E. Green-Smith (13) 3.

Twenty-two cards taken out.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report of the Kowloon Golf Club states:—

The membership of the Club at December 31st, 1927, was as follows:—Honorary member, 1; resident members, 129; resident members (absent), 17; sea-going members, 13; sea-going members (absent), 3; subscribing members, 8; Total, 160.

In addition 14 ladies are registered as being granted the use of the Course and Club House.

The following members served on the General Committee during the year under review:—Mr. E. Cook (President), Mr. V. C. Labrum (Vice-President), Mr. J. D. Thomson (Captain), Mr. E. W. Alltreg (Hon. Treasurer), and Messrs. L. B. Trevor, J. C. Long, S. J. Jordan, A. W. Roberts, W. Paterson.

The Championship was won by Mr. F. K. de Remedios; runner-up, Mr. J. D. Thomson.

The working account for the year shows a balance of \$1,581.46.

DOG-RACING IN FRANCE.

OPPOSITION BY HORSE BREEDERS.

PARIS.

Powerful opposition to the authorisation of greyhound racing with betting, which threatens to wreck all hopes of dog racing in France with the adjunct of the pari-mutuel, has been brought to bear by the Jockey Club and the French horse-breeding societies before the Agricultural Commission of the Senate.

Prince Murat, who headed the deputation of racehorse owners and breeders, declared that if dog racing was allowed to take place concurrently with horse racing it would do tremendous harm to the horse-breeding industry.

"If dog racing is allowed at the same hours as horse racing," said Senator Cavillon, "horse breeding will be killed. If it is allowed in the evening, as in England, it means that France will be converted into a huge gambling hell."

\$50 was just sufficient when there was no Interport Match, but if there were the Association would have to look elsewhere for funds.

Eventually the proposal of Mr. Dobbie, seconded by Inspector Kent, that the \$50 Entrance Fee for each Club be retained, was carried by six votes to three.

It was decided to start the League and the Singles Championship on Saturday, May 5th. Entrance fees must be sent in to the Hon. Secretary not later than March 20th.

Spey Royal Cup.

For the rink competition for the Spey Royal Cup presented by Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., the following entered:—Police Recreation Club, Yacht Club, Taihook Recreation Club, Kowloon Dock Recreation Club, East Point Recreation Club, Craigiegowrie Cricket Club, Civil Service Cricket Club, Club de Recreo and Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Mr. Aitkenhead's Donation.

Mr. Aitkenhead's donation of \$100 was next considered and after many useful suggestions, including the re-issuing of a Pair Championship on International Match, a Hong Kong-Kowloon Match and a Record Book for inscribing the names of the winners of the League Championship and Spey Royal Cup year by year, it was decided that a trophy be purchased for an annual Hong Kong v. Kowloon match. Details were left for the Committee to determine.

Election of Officers.

In proposing Mr. E. Whyte to be the new President for the ensuing year, the Chairman mentioned that Mr. Whyte had all the qualifications for the post and he therefore submitted his name with the greatest confidence. Inspector Kent seconded and Mr. Whyte was elected amidst applause.

Mr. D. Templeton was re-elected Vice-President, Mr. Tachai was re-elected Hon. Secretary, and Mr. A. O. Brown was re-elected Hon. Treasurer, but as he would be leaving on short leave, Mr. Macfarlane was elected to act for him during his absence. Mr. Ritchie was appointed Hon. Auditor.

INTERNATIONAL RUGBY.

FRANCE BEATEN AT TWICKENHAM.

ENGLISH BACKS NOT AT THEIR BEST.

[BY R. P. MARSHALL.]

England 18 pts.; France 5.

The setting was perfect at Twickenham—imagine it, the King present, a golden afternoon, still air, that wonderful stretch of firm clean turf, capped by a crowd of some 60,000 people so perfect, indeed, that it is hard to be critical about a game that was often exhilarating and always amusing, though it never rose to really great heights.

It was a game of contrasts, of studies in temperament—on the one side the Frenchmen, volatile, highly strung, restless with nervous excitement, on the other the undemonstrative Englishmen, content to bide their time and work steadily for the chances which they took effectively enough.

I suppose a day may come when a French team will conquer their temperament and make the most of their combined skill and speed, but until that happens the story of French Rugby will be a story of wasted talents. So it was on Saturday, when France had potentially the better side in the field.

Their forwards, for example, were fast and finely built; so strong, in fact, that for the first ten minutes they easily out-scrambled the English pack and heeled the ball regularly. Then they scored, and the stimulus was too much for them; they forgot to scummage, and Ribere, Piquiral, and Bionais in the back row began stealing away before the ball was hooked in their anxiety to be up and doing.

From that moment the English forwards won the tight scrummages and France, by losing possession, lost also her opportunities in attack.

This was unfortunate, for A. Serin, who took Dupont's place at scrum-half, showed that he could whip the ball away fast, and he had behind him a really dangerous attacking three-quarters line, as they proved by scoring the finest try of the afternoon.

A. Verger, it is true, ran across too much at stand-off half, but when he passed quickly the brothers Behoteguy in the centre, nimble-footed, tricky little runners, showed their paces effectively.

They are the best pair of centres I have seen this season, and with more chances they might have won the match for France. And A. Jaureguy is still a great wing three-quarter, with his long stride, his determination, and his speed.

But individual players could not overcome that excitability, which prevented any steady team-work, and resulted only in bad positioning and entire lack of method.

It is much to the English players' credit that they were not rattled by the opening French onslaught. They seemed to take the run of play very calmly, almost too calmly at times, as if they were purposely allowing the Frenchmen to let off steam.

The best feature of the game, from the English point of view, was the splendid form of the English pack.

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SINKING OF THE "ALCANTARA"

SOLE SURVIVOR'S STORY.

CHANNEL WRECK ON CLEAR NIGHT.

The sole survivor of the Italian steamer *Alcantara*, which was sunk in collision in the Channel, off Dungeness, with the loss of 22 lives gave a graphic story of the sea tragedy to our Southampton correspondent says the *Daily Mail*.

"NO FOG AT THE TIME."

SOUTHAMPTON.
When I brought the sole survivor of the *Alcantara* in touch with an interpreter, I learned that his name was Giovanni Pavon, aged 23, a single man, from Udine, Northern Italy. He was an engineer in the *Alcantara*.

At 5.45 p.m. on Friday Pavon stated that he was on watch in the engine room, when he received instructions to slow down to a speed which he estimated to be about 7½ knots. Then at 7.55 p.m. he received the message to stand by, and almost immediately afterwards there was a terrific crash and he and two others were thrown across the room. Pavon continued:

"Only a few seconds elapsed before the chief officer rushed down the engine-room stairway shouting: 'All hands on deck! All hands on deck!'"

We ran from the engine room and found that a large sailing ship had struck us on the starboard quarter.

Suspended In Mid-Air.

Two or three minutes after the crash the *Alcantara* began to go down stern first. I caught hold of one of the broken chains hanging from the bowsprit of the *Tovarich*, and while dangling in that position, felt the deck sink under me. I was left suspended in mid-air.

After about ten minutes my shouts for help were heard by the Russians, and then one of their crew clambered out along the bowsprit and lowered a lifebuoy in which I was able to sit. I was then hauled aboard.

There was no fog at the time of the accident. The weather was clear, and the moon was shining brightly.

While I was hanging on to the chain suspended from the bowsprit I heard the boilers of the *Alcantara* explode.

I saw the Russians busy themselves in the work of rescue, and despite the fact that they lowered four boats and turned on search-lights, they were apparently unable to locate any of my colleagues.

The *Tovarich* arrived at Southampton in tow of a tug. She had been picked up off the Nab Tower, Isle of Wight.

No sooner was Captain Friedman, her commander, asked to give a statement concerning the mishap than a member of Arcos, Ltd. (the Soviet trading company) named Mr. Kaupel dashed in and forbade him to say a word.

Later, Mr. Kaupel produced the announcement that an official statement would be furnished at 10 a.m. the next day.

ARCTIC MUMMIES.

EXPEDITION'S SEARCH IN ALEUTIAN ISLANDS.

MONTREAL.
Mummies of the Mongols, who are believed to have been the first inhabitants of North America, are to be sought among the Aleutian Islands, off Alaska, by an expedition piloted by Capt. Bob Bartlett, who accompanied Peary on his North Pole expedition in 1909 in his schooner *Morris Morley*, which has been under repair at Sydney, Nova Scotia, since the return of the Putnam expedition from Labrador. The expedition will start north about April 1st. The Mongolian mummies, older than those of the Egyptians, and, unlike the latter, mummified by nature in caves, were reported to be in existence several years ago by the late Dr. William H. Dall, of the Smithsonian Institution. None, it was said, has ever been taken from the caves, where they have been lying for thousands of years, possibly since the post-glacial period.

BEST DOG IN U.S.

BRITISH TERRIER BEATS 2,400.

NEW YORK.
Talavera Margaret, an English imported wire-haired fox terrier, won the championship in all classes at the Westminster Kennel Club show where 2,410 dogs were exhibited in the greatest dog show ever held in America.

Imported last year by Captain H. R. Phipps, Talavera Margaret is owned by Mr. Reginald M. Lewis, of Ridgefield, Conn. She has never yet been defeated. When brought into the ring last night she was hailed with tremendous enthusiasm by 10,000 spectators. She has a beautiful head and body, with perfect legs and feet.

"KING" OF CAT BURGLARS.

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HIS SILK ROPE.

"There is no doubt he is the cleverest cat burglar in the kingdom. There is no one to touch him for that sort of crime. He is known, and properly known, as the king of cat burglars."

This was the description given by Detective Inspector Wood of the Flying Squad, of Arthur Sherwood, aged 40, of Sandringham road, Dalston, E., who, with Richard Miller, aged 37, a commercial traveller, of De Laune-street, Watworth, S.E., was charged at Bromley (Kent) with being suspected persons loitering in Bickley Park with intent to commit a felony.

Detective-Sergeant Monk, of the Flying Squad, said it was not necessary for a man to have implements in order to break into a house. "You can do it with your knuckles or your pocket knife," he added.

Detective-Inspector Wood said Sherwood had been convicted a great number of times once for escaping from prison in South Africa. His last conviction in England was in 1925. There were three convictions against Miller. Having described Sherwood as "the king of cat burglars," the officer said he could climb up almost anything, and he and Miller were a very dangerous combination. "We were very lucky in making this very important arrest," he added.

Sherwood said he served in the Boer War and in the Great War on three different fronts. "I was known as the 'crown and anchor king,'" Sherwood added. "I made £15,000 during the war and I went into business, which failed."

Sherwood and Miller were each sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Nimble And Slim At 50.

Arthur Sherwood, the "king of cat burglars," retains his youthful nimbleness to a remarkable degree despite the fact that he is nearly 50 years of age.

He is slimly built and has muscles like whiplashes. His lack of weight enables him to use a rope which would snap under the weight of an ordinary man.

This long climbing rope, made of silk, weighs only a few ounces, and has a steel hook at the end. By winding it round his body he carried it about without showing any bulking.

Sherwood kept himself fit mainly by walking, and in his strolls he was able to pick out likely houses, to which he returned. If a cluster of pipes or projections served his purpose he left the rope at home. He is an expert at forcing windows and doors. All he needs is a small knife.

He is more than a cat burglar. Once he escaped by crawling for hours through a maze of sewers, and the exploit gained him the name of the "Rat."

MR. BOTTOMLEY.

LIBEL ACTION AGAINST "NEWS OF THE WORLD" SETTLED.

A settlement was announced before Mr. Justice Horridge of the libel action brought by Mr. Horatio Bottomley against the proprietors of the *News of the World* and Mr. Henry James Houston, arising out of articles by the latter dealing with Mr. Bottomley's life, and published by that paper in 1922, while Mr. Bottomley was in prison. In a statement by Mr. Comyns Carr, K.C., for the defendants, it was said that Mr. Bottomley complained of five statements in the articles and it was added: "The statements complained of were written and published bona fide, and in full belief of their accuracy by the defendants, but since the delivery of the statement of claim the defendants, having made further investigations, are satisfied that they cannot be substantiated. They have therefore agreed to payment of damages in full discharge of all claims, such payment to include costs."

Mr. Justice Horridge said the record would be withdrawn.

GLOZEL RAID.

POLICE SEIZE STONES AND FILES.

PARIS, Feb. 29th.
The death field of Glozel, which has caused so much discussion in scientific circles, was yesterday the scene of a police raid.

The police were armed with a warrant, granted by the judicial authorities of Clermont-Ferrand at the request of an archaeological society, which alleged that by asking a fee of 80 francs for admission to a "museum," which contained only "forged objects," Fridan, a farmer, and his grandson were defrauding the public.

After ransacking every room and barn of the old farm the police stated that they found in a stable a number of stones, some of which they alleged were newly cut agates. They also seized a few files and steel instruments.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 10th April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, A. M. MACAULEY, Agents.

21st March, 1928. [6038]

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21st March, 1928. [6039]

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Goods not cleared by the 28th March, 1928, at Noon, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees, by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas, on 27th March, 1928, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 27th March, 1928, will be subject to Rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6037]

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 3rd April, 1928, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6026]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 21st.

Previous On Date On Date

Barometer ... 29.98 29.98 29.94

Temperature ... 88 84 78

Humidity ... 71 60 60

Wind ... E Calm ESE

Direction ... E Calm ESE

Force ... 0 0 0

Weather ... B 0 0

Rain ... 0.00 0.00 0.00

Lightest op-cast Temperature, 20th 71

Lowest op-cast Temperature, 21st 64

B-Blue sky; O-Cloudy; D-Drizzle; F-Fog; L-Lightning

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Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6041]

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Hong Kong, 21st Mar., 1928. [6026]

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Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront
News, etc.YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT
RETURNS.BIG IMPORTS AND THROUGH
CARGOES.

TWENTY-SEVEN DEPARTURES.

There were nineteen arrivals and twenty-seven departures recorded at the Harbour Office for the period ending at 9 a.m. yesterday. Both local imports and through freights were well above the average, while through freights from only nine vessels totalled 29,200 tons. The total amount of general merchandise for Hong Kong was 15,343 tons and of this amount, four British vessels contributed 616 tons. The two best returns were shown by the *Saigo Maru* (Japanese) with 5,650 tons of coal from Chinwangtao, and the Chinese steamer *Tai Lee No. 1* with 2,303 tons of rice from Saigon.

Through freights although slightly lower than the previous day, amounted to 29,200 tons, of which three British steamers carried 9,560 tons. The British vessel *s.s. Philoctetes* was the best carrier with 7,400 tons from Otaru and Shanghai, and the Dutch vessel *Ceylon* from Vladivostok and Shanghai with 6,088 tons of general cargo was second best carrier.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	5
French	1	1
Norwegian	1	0
Dutch	1	0
Swedish	1	0
Japanese	4	8
Chinese	4	9
Danish	0	1
American	0	2
Total	19	27

VESSELS EXPECTED.

Australian-Oriental Line.
Changste, April 6th.
Taipei, May 11th.

Bank Line.
City of Bombay, April 10th.
City of Eastbourne, April 11th.
City of Glasgow, April 14th.
City of Hamburg, April 14th.
City of New York, May 12th.
City of Chester, May 12th.
City of Tokyo, June 8th.
City of Cardiff, June 22nd.
City of Peking, July 7th.

British-India and Apcar Line.
Takliwa, to-day.
Takliwa, March 28th.
Shirata, March 31st.
Talamba, April 6th.

Canadian Pacific Line.
Empress of Asia, March 28th.
Empress of Canada, April 5th.

Dodwell & Co.
Bolton Castle, March 25th.
Venezia, March 28th.
Toledo, April 15th.

Dollar Steamship Line.
President Adams, March 24th.
President Cleveland, March 28th.

Bing Tunnel Line.

Eurylochus, to-morrow.
Menelaus, March 28th.
Automedon, April 1st.
Proteus, April 5th.
Phenias, April 11th.
Agapenor, April 15th.
Laomedon, April 17th.
Night, April 22nd.
Dionaea, April 28th.
Talithybus, May 1st.
Antenor, May 3rd.
Alcides, May 9th.
Adrastus, May 15th.
Helene, May 22nd.
Teucer, May 28th.
Perseus, May 30th.
Pyrrhus, May 30th.
Hector, May 31st.
Aeneas, June 27th.
Theseus, July 2nd.
Sarpedon, July 23th.

East Asiatic Co., Copenhagen.
Afrika, April 3th.
Malaya, April 5th.
Danmark, May 25th.

Eastern and Australian Lines.
St. Albans, March 28th.
Arifura, April 2nd.
Tanda, May 7th.

Glen Line.
Glenarry, to-day.
Glenarra, April 7th.
Glenarra, April 13th.
Carnarvonshire, April 23th.
Glenbeg, May 11th.

Hamburg-American Line and
Hugo Stinnes Lines.
Resolute, March 28th.
Carl Legien, April 2nd.
Adolf von Baeyer, April 6th.
Preussen, April 16th.
Ermland, May 2nd.

Java-China-Japan Line.
Tjalak, March 28th.
Tjalak, March 28th.
Tjalak, March 28th.
Tjalak, April 2nd.
Tjalak, April 9th.
Tjalak, April 9th.
Tjalak, April 12th.

Messageries Maritimes.
Andre Lebon, Mar. 27th.
Portos, March 27th.
Chenonceaux, April 10th.
Capt. Faure, April 21st.
Athos II, April 24th.
D'Arctique, May 8th.

Nippon Yusen Kaisha.
Kashima Maru, to-morrow.
Genoa Maru, March 27th.
Mayebashi Maru, March 27th.
Tenyo Maru, March 27th.
Akita Maru, March 28th.
Bokuyo Maru, April 6th.
Hakone Maru, April 6th.
Nagano Maru, April 6th.
Kanagawa Maru, April 9th.
Awa Maru, April 10th.
Korea Maru, April 10th.
Lima Maru, April 13th.
Toba Maru, April 13th.
Suwa Maru, April 13th.
Ki Maru, April 24th.
Libon Maru, April 28th.
Fushimi Maru, May 4th.
Hakata Maru, May 4th.
Toyooka Maru, May 13th.
Tsuyama Maru, May 13th.
Hakozaki Maru, May 19th.
Mishima Maru, May 22nd.
Wakasa Maru, June 8th.

Norddeutscher Lloyd, Bremen.
Anagis, March 28th.
Teier, April 8th.
Alster, April 25th.
Trave, May 18th.

Prince Line.
Asiatic Prince, April 12th.

DAILY WATERFRONT NEWS.

H.M.S. "TERN" AND
"GANNETT" LEAVE.

[BY LONGHOREMAN.]

The two gunboats—H.M.S. *Tern* and *Gannett*, assembled here sailed yesterday for Shanghai for service on the Yangtze River. They were escorted by two destroyers.

Buried At Sea.

The master of the *s.s. Van Houten* (Dutch) arriving here from Belawan-Deli and Singapore reports that three Chinese deck passengers died during the voyage and were buried at sea. A birth was also reported.

Atlantic Deck Passengers.

There were approximately 2,638 Atlantic deck passengers arriving in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. They were carried by seven vessels.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following were the warships and auxiliaries in port yesterday: North Wall Basin, *Comflower*, *Sirdar*, *Magnum*; East Wall Basin, Gunboats and S/Ms.; North Arm, *Iroquois*, *Belgo*, *Bruce*; West Wall Dock, *Somme*, *Stormcloud*, *Khariki*; In Dock, *Serapis*, *Peterfield*, *Marathon*; No. 5 Buoy, *Cumbe*; No. 6 Buoy, *Hermes*; No. 7 Buoy, *Titanic*; No. 8 Buoy, *Am*; No. 9 Buoy, *Am*; No. 10 Buoy, *Am*; No. 11 Buoy, *Am*; No. 12 Buoy, *Am*; No. 13 Buoy, *Am*; No. 14 Buoy, *Am*; No. 15 Buoy, *Am*; No. 16 Buoy, *Am*; No. 17 Buoy, *Am*; No. 18 Buoy, *Am*; No. 19 Buoy, *Am*; No. 20 Buoy, *Am*; No. 21 Buoy, *Am*; No. 22 Buoy, *Am*; No. 23 Buoy, *Am*; No. 24 Buoy, *Am*; No. 25 Buoy, *Am*; No. 26 Buoy, *Am*; No. 27 Buoy, *Am*; No. 28 Buoy, *Am*; No. 29 Buoy, *Am*; No. 30 Buoy, *Am*; No. 31 Buoy, *Am*; No. 32 Buoy, *Am*; No. 33 Buoy, *Am*; No. 34 Buoy, *Am*; No. 35 Buoy, *Am*; No. 36 Buoy, *Am*; No. 37 Buoy, *Am*; No. 38 Buoy, *Am*; No. 39 Buoy, *Am*; No. 40 Buoy, *Am*; No. 41 Buoy, *Am*; 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